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150 die in Lanka revenge attacks

COLOMBO, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Gunmen have killed up to 150 people, including women and children, in Sri Lanka's central Kandy district in apparent retaliation for killings of soldiers' relatives, residents said today.

Police confirmed that 18 people had been killed and 50 houses burned in the area. "We are investigating reports of other killings," a police officer said.

The residents said about 50 houses were set on fire in the attacks yesterday and today in three villages in the Kandy district, about 10 km (6 miles) from the former capital, Kandy.

Residents said bodies were seen floating down the Mahaweli river which skirts Kandy city, 5 km (3 miles) from the Kandy district. A Hindu temple where a tooth relic of the Buddha is said to be housed.

"Bodies washed ashore on the edge of the river are eaten by vultures. Nobody now goes to the river to bathe," a resident said by telephone.

Several other bodies have been found dumped in wells and pits," he said.

Residents said the victims were members of three villages named Mankhonne, Arangala and Mahawane situated near each other and believed to be staunch supporters of the rebel People's Liberation Front.

They said the attacks began on Thursday night after suspected front fighters killed 16 family members of soldiers and burnt two of their houses at Mankhonne earlier in the week.

The front consists of radical youths of the majority Sinhalese community, has been accused of trying to topple the government by force.

Last month the front urged military service personnel to resign from their posts and threatened to kill their families if they did not.

In apparent response, anonymous posters appeared in Colombo and other cities warning "twelve of your family members will be killed for every soldier's family attacked."

Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said this week that the security forces had been given instructions to treat death squads as terrorists.

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Tit-for-tat, India says of diplomat expulsion

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 16, (AP): Pakistan has expelled an Indian diplomat accused of "activities inconsistent with his status" — a diplomatic term that often refers to spying, a Foreign Ministry official said today.

An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said the action was apparently in retaliation against the expulsion last month from New Delhi of Abdul Shakoor, a Pakistani embassy official accused of carrying secret Indian documents.

H.C. Pandey, employed in the visa section of India's Islamabad embassy, left for New Delhi on Thursday, said a Pakistani ministry spokesman.

"We have declared him persona non grata for his activities inconsistent with his status," the spokesman said.

However, Pakistani newspapers reported that Pandey was believed to be a spy.

The action followed the Shakoor incident, in which the Pakistani envoy, according to the Indian Foreign Ministry, was accused of spying and asked to leave the country after he was detained on Aug. 21. Pakistan has denied Shakoor possessed any illegal papers.

India-Iran accord

India and Iran have signed a memorandum of understanding to overcome problems relating to consular and visa related issues.

Chaos, says minister in Kashmir, then quits

SRINAGAR, Sept. 16, (Reuters): A minister, quit the government of India's troubled state of Jammu and Kashmir today, charging that it was sending innocent people to jail under the guise of cracking down on separatists.

Tourism Minister Rajendra Singh Chib: said Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, who has vowed to crush the separatist movement, was presiding over unprecedented chaos.



Know what you are thinking
... But it's not. Young people in traditional Bavarian costume celebrate Oktoberfest with steins of milk, alcohol-free beer. The world's biggest beer festival is expected to attract about seven million visitors from all over the world. (Reuters wirephoto)

See Milk in a beer mug Page 15

Gringo to Cory: Quit!

MANILA, Sept. 16, (Reuters): A cashed-out colonel who led a failed coup against President Corason Aquino two years ago said she would step down before conditions in the Philippines worsened irreversibly, a newspaper reported today.

"To allow (her) to continue in power for another three years would just make things worse and even irreversible. It will be doubly difficult to pick up the pieces and rebuild this nation," Gregorio Honasan told the Manila Times.

Honasan has been in hiding since he escaped from a prison ship in April last year. The Times said its story was based on answers to questions it sent through a courier.

Honasan attacked the government for failing to deliver basic services and said "the physical deterioration we see around us is really a mirror of the moral decomposition that is more significantly taking place."

He hinted at another coup attempt if the political conditions worsened.

"It will be the people who will judge their situation and tell us when to act," he said.

"We listened to them in February 1986. We listened in

Mitra resigns

MANILA, Sept. 16, (AP): Ramon Mitra, speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives, resigned today as president of a major political party supporting President Corason Aquino.

He said he wanted to devote more time to the lower chamber, which has been rocked by controversy.

Mitra formally announced his resignation during an executive committee meeting of the struggle of the democratic Filipino held on the party's first anniversary.

Sen. Nephtali Gonzales, a former justice minister, was chosen interim president and will serve out Mitra's remaining year as leader of the party, commonly known by its Tagalog initials LDP.

Mitra also said his resignation would dispel speculation he was using the party to back up his presidential aspirations in 1992.

"I have been disturbed by widespread speculation that despite my denials, the LDP really has no purpose higher than being the launching pad for my presidential candidacy," Mitra said.

"Over the same period, my congressional constituency had become embroiled in controversy after another," Mitra said. "I began to brood over whether my occasional intention to it may have in some way been responsible for its good image."

The latest controversy involved Rep. Nicandro Guzman, who was accused of gun-running. On Sept. 5, customs policemen found 314 guns in luggage allegedly belonging to De Guzman after his arrival from California.

On Wednesday, the House voted to suspend De Guzman for 60 days.

Three die in Soviet blast

MOSCOW, Sept. 16, (Reuters): An explosion on a bus killed three people today in the southern Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, where tensions have risen with neighboring Armenia over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Fast news agency said the KGB state security agency was investigating the blast. The involvement of the KGB suggested that it may have been caused by a bomb.

Tass said the explosion, which also injured an unspecified number of people, occurred in the central Azerbaijani town of Yevlakh on a bus traveling to Baku from the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.

The parliament in Armenia began an emergency session on the Nagorno-Karabakh issue today.

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De Klerk picks cabinet

Change clear in SA

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 16, (Reuters): President-elect F.W. De Klerk today announced a strongly reformist cabinet including South Africa's first woman minister while retaining veteran officials at defense, foreign affairs and finance.

He promoted leading National Party (NP) liberal Gerrit Viljoen to the key post of minister of constitutional development, the portfolio for negotiating political reform with the country's wretched black majority.

He said the job would be stripped of peripheral duties to allow Viljoen, 63, widely rated one of the NP's most astute politicians and an able negotiator, to concentrate on political reform.

The objective was to free Viljoen's hand to the greatest possible extent to enable him to concentrate on dialogue and negotiation, De Klerk said in a statement.

The NP, which won parliamentary elections last week on a sharply reduced majority, has pledged to give blacks a say in government during its five-year term while retaining apartheid race segregation in many areas of life.

Veteran Foreign Minister P.W. Botha, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis and Defence Minister Magnus Malan keep their jobs.

NP parliamentarian Rina Venter becomes the first woman cabinet minister with the job of minister for national health and population development, a liberal move in a traditionally male-dominated political scene.

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Mother Teresa weak, but better; Pope sends blessing

CALCUTTA, Sept. 16, (AP): The causes of an infection dogging Mother Teresa have been found, raising hopes she will begin a speedier recovery from a heart attack, one of her doctors said today.

Doctors earlier said the infection was posing a new danger to the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun, who is recovering from a heart attack at the Woodlands Nursing Home.

The Nobel laureate was admitted to the hospital 11 days ago.

"We have found one to two causes for the infection. We are hopeful that now she will improve faster," Dr A.K. Bardhan said. Doctors today removed a pacemaker they suspect gave the infection a boost.

A statement by the hospital said, "mother's temperature remains normal since this morning and her general condition is better."

It said she had not suffered any more chest pains since Friday evening and was resting calmly.

Bardhan said a temporary pacemaker that was attached last week continued to be in place "but her heart is still weak even though she is improving and responding to treatment," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Vincenzo Bionzi, a heart specialist from Rome and a longtime friend of Mother Teresa, returned home today. Bionzi, who treated Mother Teresa for a similar ailment in 1985, came to Calcutta on Monday to help the Indian physicians.

Mother Teresa developed chest pains and high fever on Thursday.

A Vatican newspaper reported today that Pope John Paul II instructed the Papal pro-nuncio in India, Archbishop Agostino Casaroli, to visit Mother Teresa in the hospital, "expressing with his presence the solidarity of the Pope and of the church."

The newspaper, L'osservatore Romano, said the Pope was getting constant updates on the nun's health and "follows in his prayers the evolution of the sickness."

League calls for full ceasefire now

Panel holds back on Lebanese sanctions

JEDDAH, Sept. 16, (Agencies): An Arab League committee today called for an "immediate and comprehensive" ceasefire as a first step to comprehensive peace in Lebanon, but stopped short of threatening sanctions against violators.

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal read the declaration from the tripartite supreme Arab committee, comprising the Saudi monarch King Fahd, Moroccan King Hassan II and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

The Saudi minister was responding to a question on how the committee could guarantee this latest in a long string of ceasefire efforts by the 22-member Arab League. So far all have collapsed.

Saud said, however, that Syria, a major participant in the Lebanese fighting, supported the new peace plan.

The declaration stated that "the Lebanese crisis will not be resolved by military means."

It said the ceasefire was necessary "to stop the bloodshed and establish an atmosphere conducive to assuring the return of security, stability and national reconciliation."

The declaration called on all parties to stop supplying weapons to the combatants in Lebanon and said it had already received "positive responses in this regard."

A "Lebanese security committee" to be headed by Lakhdar Ibrahim, an Algerian who is the committee's delegate to Lebanon, will implement and oversee the ceasefire.

As soon as the security body begins its work, naval blockades would be lifted and Beirut International Airport reopened, the declaration said.

The security committee would monitor all ships that are reported to be carrying weapons or ammunition to any party.

Ibrahim was to arrive in Beirut tomorrow and would also hold consultations on the location of a Sept. 30 meeting of the Lebanese Parliament "to discuss and prepare the national reconciliation charter."

"We issued this declaration after intense contacts to which all responses were favourable, thank God," Saud told the news conference.

Syria, quickly welcomed the ceasefire call issued.

"The Syrian government welcomes the statement issued by the Arab committee today and the security measures which were included in it," an official statement said, in Damascus.

The US also welcomed the latest proposal.

Clash after call in Beirut

BEIRUT, Sept. 16, (Agencies): Syrian and Christian gunmen skirmished with mortars and machine guns in Beirut and the mountains southeast of the capital today after an Arab League committee called for an "immediate and comprehensive" ceasefire in Lebanon.

Police said at least 12 people were wounded in the intermittent clashes which continued hours after the three-nation mediation committee issued the ceasefire call.

By police count the six-month confrontation between Gen. Michel Aoun's mainly Christian troops and the Syrian forces in Lebanon has killed at least 914 people and wounded 2,697.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing rules, said he doubted any ceasefire would take place before Ibrahim's arrival.

Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim who heads the Syrian-backed cabinet vying for power with Aoun welcomed the ceasefire call.

"This is a chance to end the crisis that might not be repeated," Hoss said in a statement.

Arrested

One of Belgium's most wanted men remained in jail in Malaga today, a day after police arrested him as he sought to leave Spain's southern Costa Del Sol for a foreign country, a provincial spokesman said.

Belgian police also have said they believe him to be one of the leaders of the so-called gang of Nivelles that carried out a wave of terror in Belgium, including 30 murders, between 1983 and 1985.

Contreras said Malaga police detained Bouhouche early yesterday as he left an apartment in Torremolinos, a coastal resort 15 kilometres (9.3 miles) west of Malaga, to travel abroad.

Belgian police suspect Bouhouche in the murder of Lebanese businessman Ali Suleiman Ahmad two weeks ago in Antwerp and also believe he was involved in trading arms to Christian militias in Lebanon in exchange for narcotics.

Peace-seeker hit

A man reads a newspaper in front of a shell-pocked wall of the Saudi Arabian embassy in West Beirut. The embassy was hit by at least seven shells during the overnight battles between Syrian and Christian forces. (Reuters wirephoto)

Algeria names reform cabinet

ALGIERS, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Algerian Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche, appointed a week ago to speed democratic reforms, formed his cabinet today, replacing all but three ministers, the official Algerian news agency APS said.

Hamrouche picked former Finance Minister Sid Ahmed Ghezali, a former ambassador to Belgium, as foreign minister in place of Boualem Bessaïeh, APS said.

Bessaïeh was the Algerian member of an Arab League committee which announced a fresh peace plan today to try to end Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

Energy Minister Sadek Bous-sena, who represents Algeria in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), was renamed mines minister with apparently similar responsibilities.

President Chadli Benjedid appointed Hamrouche last Saturday with the task of speeding up sweeping political and economic reforms.

The changes are designed to transform Algeria from a one-party socialist state to a multi-party democracy.

Hamrouche had said his cabinet would be composed of "men who believe in the spirit of the reforms and are determined to lead them to fruition."

The outgoing ministers of justice and transport also kept their jobs but all others were changed, mostly with new ministers.

In a major restructuring of ministerial posts, Hamrouche created four new portfolios — local government, professional training, employment and equipment.

The government faces a tough fight against inflation, unemployment, shortages of consumer goods and a housing crisis.

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No monkeying

The Soviet Union launched a satellite, the Cosmos-2044, into space with two monkeys and other animals on board. Soviet scientists hope to study the effects of space radiation and zero gravity on living organisms. Zhakonya is one of the monkeys launched into space (Reuters wirephoto)

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Agent stops colon cancer

Naturally occurring

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Sept. 16, (UPI) — Scientists have found what may be a naturally occurring anti-cancer agent that eventually could allow doctors to find and treat people at risk of developing colon cancer.

Dr. David Kingston of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University said the presence of the compound, the amount of which varies from one person to the next, may prevent the development of colon cancer.

"It is perhaps a natural, anti-cancer agent," he told reporters at the American Chemical Society's annual meeting.

Cancer of the large intestine, which includes the colon and rectum, is the second-leading cause of death from cancer in the United States after lung cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Nearly 54,000 Americans will die from cancer of the large intestine this year, the institute estimates.

Kingston said researchers suspect that the agent occurs naturally because it was isolated from a litter of pigs raised in a germ-free environment. Pigs are the only mammal other than man known to harbour the compound, he said.

The compound, known as plasmalogen, is the precursor of another compound that researchers initially suspected as a cause of colon cancer, Kingston said.

But studies of that compound, known as fecapentaene-12, failed to demonstrate such a link, Kingston said. In fact, the study suggested just the opposite.

Treasure trove in sea

Largest salvage in US history

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, Sept. 16, (Reuters) — Salvagers said yesterday they have begun bringing up gold estimated to be worth as much as \$1 billion from a ship that sank in the Atlantic off the southeastern United States 132 years ago.

Organisers of the operation to retrieve salvage from the SS Central America, a side-wheel paddle boat lying a mile and a half (2.5 km) below the surface, are calling their find the largest salvage in American history.

The find was announced on Thursday by the Columbus-America discovery group salvage operation.

The SS Central America was lost in a hurricane on Sept. 12, 1857, about 160 miles (260 km) east of the North Carolina-South Carolina border. Of the 578 passengers and crew, 425 died.

The vessel also carried three tons of gold. According to salvagers, that weight of gold would be worth about \$28 million.

But much of the gold is believed to be in the form of rare coins and bars "which have a far greater value as collectors' items," said a spokeswoman for the salvagers.

The ship was found in the summer of 1986 and the first artefact, a lump of hard coal, was recovered a year later. It was not until last July that salvagers were able to build a robot submarine capable of recovering the vessel's treasure.



Historian Lee Spence sits behind a replica of the SS Central America. (Reuters wirephoto)

A court battle over ownership and salvage rights to the gold delayed the operation. In a precedent-making ruling, a Virginia court ruled this year that Columbus-America salvage teams had the salvage right to the vessel even though they had seen and touched the ship only by remote control.

Vaccine against Aids is possible

SEATTLE, Washington, Sept. 16, (AP) — A genetically engineered vaccine that protects monkeys against an Aids-like virus could help in the search for a way to shield humans from Aids, says a developer of the vaccine.

The findings "offer hope that similar methodologies might lead to an effective vaccine against Aids in humans," Shih-Lok Hu, leader of the team that tested the vaccine said.

But he cautioned that the monkey virus differs from the human Aids virus and that there were no immediate implications for Aids patients.

The virus, simian acquired immunodeficiency virus type 1, or SIV, is an often-fatal, Aids-like disease in monkeys, Hu said.

The research team, including scientists of the University of Washington, the National Cancer Institute and Oncogen, a Seattle biotechnology company, announced their findings at a news conference at the university's health sciences center.

The results of their year-long study will be reported in this month's proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Four vaccinated macaque monkeys exposed to the SIV virus have remained healthy and free of the virus, while three of four unvaccinated monkeys in the study developed signs of infection within two weeks after exposure to the virus.

"We believe this is the first live, recombinant vaccine that protects primates against a retrovirus that causes Aids-like diseases," said William Morton, supervisory veterinarian at the University of Washington's regional primate research centre and an author of the paper.

The fourth unvaccinated animal did not become infected, consistent with reports showing that for undetermined reasons some monkeys are resistant to infection, the scientists said.

The genetically constructed vaccine, called "V-SENV3," combines part of the protein coat of the SIV virus with the vaccine virus, which has been used successfully to eradicate smallpox.

The four vaccinated monkeys received two immunizations 16 weeks apart. Twelve weeks after the second immunizations, all eight animals in the study, including the four non-vaccinated monkeys, were exposed to the SIV virus.

The four vaccinated animals developed antibodies to the specific proteins used in the vaccine proving that the monkey's immune response was triggered by the vaccine and not by exposure to the SIV virus itself, the researchers said.

10-minute test

A simple, 10-minute test expected to be licensed later this year used colours to tell patients if they are infected with the Aids virus — white for health and blue for medical tragedy.

The test, now undergoing trials at nine centres, will enable people worried about Aids virus exposure to be tested within minutes at their doctor's office, instead of having to wait to hear from a distant laboratory.

"It provides a new means for patients to learn of their Aids status and still retain anonymity," said Jarel R. Kelsey, president of Murex Corp., a Norcross, Georgia, company that developed the test. "Once this method is widely available, it will encourage more people to determine their status."

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will approve within days a plan to widely distribute to Aids patients, at no cost, the promising experimental drug DDI, agency sources said.

IUD appeal

Dalkon Shield case

RICHMOND, Virginia, Sept. 16, (AP) — A group of women has appealed to the US Supreme Court to review A.H. Robbins Co.'s reorganisation plan and its \$2.5 billion settlement for victims of the Dalkon Shield birth-control device.

The appeal was filed on Thursday — the deadline for opponents of the Richmond-based company's bankruptcy reorganisation plan to challenge the plan to compensate about 195,000 women who claimed injuries from the intrauterine device marketed by the company in the early 1970s.

Douglas E. Bragg, a Denver attorney for more than 100 Dalkon Shield appellants, said the \$2.5 billion trust fund to pay claimants is inadequate. He said full payment of claims could cost as much as \$7 billion.

But the director of the Dalkon Shield victims association said the appeal may cause some Dalkon claimants to wonder if they will ever get paid.

"I'm worried mostly that women will lose heart," said Linda Hightower. "There have been so many delays. It's very difficult for them to understand."

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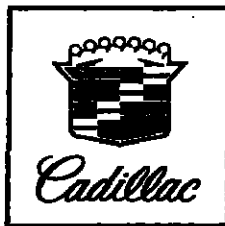
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Helping retarded

Use of pain endorsed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, (AP) — A US panel of experts have said the use of pain as part of medical treatment to prevent the retarded from hurting themselves can be beneficial even though the techniques may seem distasteful.

A report by the panel was immediately attacked by advocacy organizations for the retarded as "biased and unscientific."

The panel, convened by the National Institutes of Health, conducted two days of hearings on methods of controlling self-destructive acts like head-banging, biting and eye poking.

Some techniques involving pain include an electrical shock device that is sold for use in private homes, and the use of food-testing chemicals or mouth.

While the panel did not oppose the use of pain to modify self-destructive behavior, its report said it "should only be used in the context of a comprehensive and individualized behavior enhancement treatment package."

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Bakker got bonus during layoffs

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept 16 (AP) — PTL founder Jim Bakker continued to receive huge bonuses while the troubled TV Ministry was laying off hundreds of workers, witnesses testified yesterday in his federal fraud and conspiracy trial.

"I had to go to social services and apply for welfare and food stamps," said Joanie Ames, a former PTL payroll clerk who was laid off in November 1985 along with 285 other PTL employees.

Less than a year later, on Nov 3, 1986, the PTL board approved a \$500,000 bonus for Bakker. He had also received other bonuses during the year.

The Rev. Evelyn Spencer of Oakland, California, who joined the board in November 1985, testified that the largest bonus she remembered approving was \$150,000 plus taxes.

But when asked by prosecutor Deborah Smith if she would have approved a \$500,000 bonus for Bakker, Ms. Spencer said: "If everybody else agreed with it, I would have."

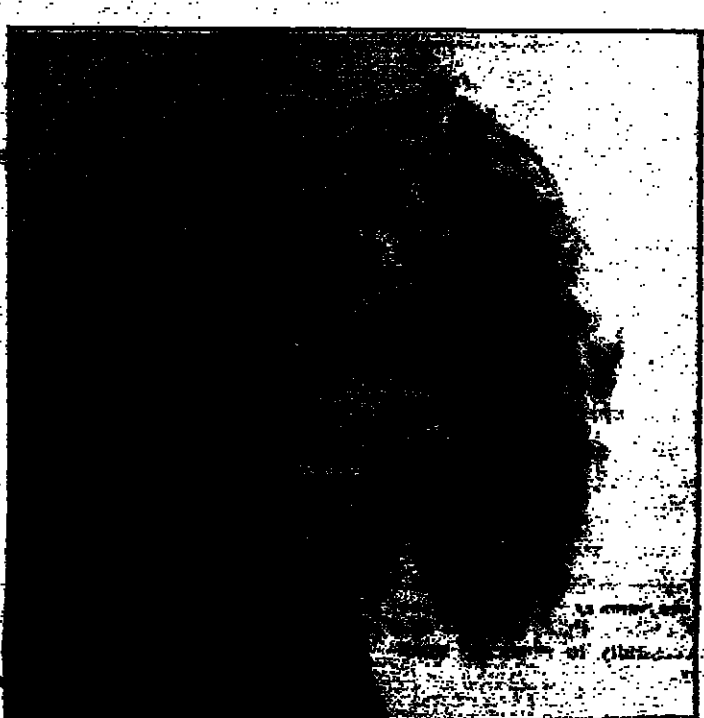
Prosecutors contend Bakker diverted \$3.7 million in PTL funds to fund his lavish lifestyle. If convicted of all 24 counts against him, Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined more than \$5 million.

On Thursday, Bakker's right-hand man at PTL testified that the evangelist gave his TV viewers phony fund-raising figures and knew that \$265,000 in church funds went to Jessica Hahn as hush money.

Richard Dortch, PTL's former executive vice-president, told jurors the Ministry kept two sets of fund-raising figures — a secret one with the actual numbers and a phony one with lower numbers that Bakker read to TV viewers.

Later, Dortch testified that Bakker personally approved paying Hahn to keep her quiet about their 1980s sexual encounters in a Florida beach house. Bakker resigned from PTL in March 1987 as the encounter was about to be made public.

Dortch, 57, was indicted with Bakker, and last month pleaded guilty to four counts of fraud and conspiracy in a plea bargain in exchange for his testimony against Bakker. He was sentenced to eight years in prison and fined \$200,000.



Turner to turn on Italians

American rock star Tina Turner poses for photographers on the terrace of a hotel in Rome during a press conference to present her Italian concert. Tina Turner will be the guest performer in a TV concert entitled "The Golden Soul" at the Riva del Garda on the Garda lake. (Reuters wirephoto)

Americans: fattest people in the world

BETHESDA, Md., Sept 16, (Reuters) — Americans are among the fattest people in the world, and doctors at the annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity think they know why.

Dr. George Bray, professor at Louisiana State University's School of Medicine, said yesterday that studies comparing Americans with British, Australian and Dutch citizens of the same age have found Americans to be fatter.

Bray and others at the conference say 34 million Americans are obese and they have

several explanations.

"Americans are less active than were their forebears."

M. R. C. Greenwood, professor of nutrition at the University of California at Davis, said Americans actually eat less now than their great-grandparents did at the turn of the century.

"But they are less active now than they were then," she said, noting that studies had correlated the increase in Americans' weight to all kinds of factors that tend to show less activity, such as the increase in

television viewing.

Another factor may be the kind of food Americans eat.

While Greenwood does not see that as a major factor, Adam Drewnowski of the University of Michigan said that some of his recent work shows that fat people not only eat more calories than thin people, but the foods they eat tend to have more fat than those eaten by others.

Obese women he observed in a study conducted in Ann Arbor, Michigan,

favoured such foods as ice cream, pizza, bread, chocolate and red meat.

Drewnowski's work is significant because studies by the National Centre for Health Statistics have found — to the surprise of researchers — that fat people eat less than others.

Drewnowski, director of the human nutrition programme in the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, said in an interview it now appears that fat people may have been under-reporting the amount of food they eat.

Nervous workers return to work

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Sept 16, (AP) — Nervous workers met with counselors yesterday as they returned to the plant where seven people were killed by a former co-worker who swore he'd get even after being dismissed for mental disability.

"I'm thinking seriously about looking somewhere else for another job. My nerves are shot," said pressman Steve Pate. "If I go back in there, I'll be waiting for someone else to do the same thing and I can't handle that."

Joseph T. Wesbecker, armed with several semiautomatic weapons, went from floor to floor shooting people at the Standard Gravel Corp. on Thursday morning, killing seven and wounding 13 before taking his own life. One co-worker said Wesbecker had been "looking for bones."

In Washington, President George Bush yesterday lamented the loss of life in Kentucky but said he still opposes legislation to ban such weapons.

"If you have somebody who is deranged, and I don't want to prejudice this poor soul, but if he was deranged, I'm afraid you're going to have incidents like this," Bush said.

The President has banned the import of foreign-made assault rifles into the United States, including the Chinese-made AK-47. However, possession of the weapon is not a federal offense, and Bush has taken no steps toward proposing curbs on US manufacture of such weapons.

Workers began gathering at the plant yesterday morning, and officials said 15 counselors were on hand to help them discuss and work through their grief.

"There are a lot of workers who have been traumatised by this," forklift operator Bernard Williams said.

Wesbecker, a 47-year-old pressman, was placed on permanent disability leave last year because of mental illness, police said. "He carried a big grudge because of that," said George Oswine, a former co-worker. "He said before he left he would get even. I remember that."

Oswine said Wesbecker had begun collecting guns since his leave. Another former co-worker, pressman Joe White, said Wesbecker's talk centred on guns and Soldier of Fortune magazine. White, whose brother Lloyd was killed in the rampage, said Wesbecker thought of himself as a soldier.

"This guy's been talking about this for a year," White said.

Dan Frazier, president of the union local, said Wesbecker had become more upset recently because he thought his disability benefits were about to be cut off.

Relatives told police that Wesbecker was a man depressive who had attempted suicide three times. Wesbecker also had voluntarily spent time in mental institutions, said Lieut. Jeff Moody, commander of the police homicide division.

Wesbecker entered the building at 8:30 am (1230 GMT) on Thursday and took the elevator to the third floor.

Police found four victims on the third floor, where the executive offices and bindery are located. Wesbecker went from there down to the basement, where five victims were found, then up to the ground floor, where six victims and the gunman were discovered.

Former co-worker John Tingle said he greeted Wesbecker as he saw him coming around a corner in the basement carrying an AK-47 assault rifle.

He quoted Wesbecker as saying, "I told them I'd be back. Get away from me."

Tingle obliged and Wesbecker proceeded up the stairs to the first floor.

Three of the wounded remained in critical condition yesterday, said officials at Humana Hospital-University of Louisville, where more than 100 doctors were called in to help treat them. Five other people were in serious condition.

Wesbecker's weapons included the AK-47, two Mac-11 semiautomatic machine pistols, a .38-caliber handgun, a 9mm automatic pistol and a bayonet, said police chief Richard Dotson.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: Actress Meredith Baxter Birney says despite the progress of the women's movement, women still get shortchanged in marriage.

"At best, marriage is not an institution that favours women," she said in the October issue of McCall's. "Whether we stay at home or whether we have jobs, it remains a fact even today that the kids, the house and making one's husband comfortable are basically all our responsibilities."

Baxter Birney, who at 42 is in the process of divorcing her second husband, actor David Birney, says she still loves marriage. "But it takes singular people to pull it off — two singular people committed to compromise, to support and care for each other. And life doesn't always allow for that."

"There's a way to do it well, sure. But only exceptional people can make it work." (AP)

BAKERSFIELD, California: About 200 people who thought they had won free tickets for the California state lottery and to professional sports games actually won a trip to jail, courtesy of a special police operation.

Letters from an official-sounding but entirely fictitious "Bakersfield area department of lottery" were mailed to misdeedman and felon suspects who police had been unable to arrest. They were told to show up at an office in downtown Bakersfield to claim a lottery ticket and tickets to a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball or Los Angeles Lakers basketball game.

But as recipients of the letters arrived Monday and Tuesday, they were arrested and taken to jail. "A lot of them say 'I knew it,'" said Sgt. Dave Hawkins. "That's amazing, because it means their sense of greed overrides their sense of self-preservation." (AP)

CAGLIARI, Sardinia: A Sardinian auxiliary policeman was committed for trial on Friday on a charge of manslaughter after his friend killed himself playing "Russian Roulette", court officials said.

According to the charge drawn up by magistrates in Cagliari, the officer, Angelo Portoghesi, 23, and his friend Salvatore Sciarroese sat down to play "Russian roulette" after emptying a revolver of all but one bullet. Sciarroese shot himself through the head the third time the trigger was pulled.

Portoghesi was also charged with dereliction of duty for failing to impound the revolver, which Sciarroese and four other men had found in a house in the Sardinian countryside.

The four others were also committed for trial charged with unlawful possession of a firearm.



Still going strong

Manne World Research assistant Laura Edenborough examines Alexander, a beaked whale, Sept 15. Alexander the survivor of two beaked whales that beached in San Francisco, is under constant medical attention. (Reuters wirephoto)

MOSCOW: British spy novelist John Le Carré's latest best-selling novel *The Russia House* will be published in the country where it's set under an agreement signed Friday in Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

In another sign of the more open literary atmosphere now fostered by the Kremlin, Le Carré's book will be issued in 100,000 Russian-language copies next year by agreement between the Moltorbooks Literary Agency of Switzerland and International Relations Publishers of the Soviet Union, Tass said.

The contract was concluded during Moscow's International Book Fair, which plays a key role in "The Russia House". In Le Carré's book, a Soviet scientist's important notebooks are passed to a publisher at the book fair, unleashing a host of complications.

Tass quoted Le Carré's European literary agent, Sabine Ibach, and international relations director Boris Likhachev as saying "The Russia House" is a work that can do a lot towards ending mistrust between East and West. (AP)

SALT LAKE CITY: Americans are adding personal messages of goodwill to a huge greeting card for Mikhail Gorbachev.

Topped by intertwined American and Soviet flags, the 35-foot-tall (11 metre) card is addressed to the Soviet president and his people, and says in Russian: "We the people of the United States of America wish to express our gratitude for your contribution toward world peace. Happy New Year."

Displayed Tuesday at a shopping mall, the card was attached to a roll of paper for Americans to sign and add personal notes.

Craig Goodell, an associate of Jim Lawler, who conceived the project, said he expects 50 of the 100-foot (31 metre) scrolls to be sent to the Soviet Union along with the giant card.

When Gorbachev gets the card, he will see the hot-pink lipstick impression left by Maggie Wright.

With "America" written above her top lip, "Russia" below the bottom lip and a heart around the whole greeting, the 12-year-old woman's message of peace and love was clear.

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Koch walks to the stage podium on his way to conceding defeat in the elections. (Reuters wirephoto)

A new era awaits NY Life after Koch

NEW YORK, Sept 16, (Reuters): Now that Edward Koch has been given the boot, the battle to be mayor of America's largest city has become a choice between a gentlemanly grandfather and a ferocious prosecutor. Either way New Yorkers have a chance to make history.

If they elect Democrat David Dinkins it will mark the first time a black has become mayor of a city that, despite bubbling racial tensions, thinks of itself as the nation's melting pot.

If they elect Rudolph Giuliani, they pick their first Republican since the ill-fated John Lindsay in 1965 and give President George Bush's party a chance to indulge in the fantasy of power in the cities as well as in the White House.

But many of the city's political experts have some advice for Republican dreamers: wake up.

They say that barring some unforeseen changes in this heavily Democratic city, Giuliani is not going anywhere after the election but home.

Republicans counter with a quote borrowed from baseball great Yogi Berra, allegedly uttered after he saw his first and only opera: "It ain't over until the fat lady sings."

The quote has become so popular that every political underdog uses it these days. In these cases, the fat lady doesn't sing until November.

As a Democrat, Dinkins should be a shoo-in for mayor in a city that has five Democrats for every Republican.

Lindsay found the burden of a party bending to the right so onerous in a city that veers to the left that he switched parties in 1971 and ended his political career as a Democrat.

Giuliani, aware of New York's disdain for Republicans, has tried to present himself as a "fusion" candidate and won the endorsement of the city's tiny liberal party, a safe haven for potential voters who would never vote Republican.

There are, after all, certain things that even a New Yorker will not do.

In fact, some experts say that if Dinkins was not black no one would even raise the questions of whether Giuliani can win. Race is far from a forgotten factor in American politics.

Dinkins took the Democratic mayoral nomination on Tuesday with 51 per cent of more than a million primary votes, ending Koch's turbulent 12-year rule of New York and giving himself a fine head-start for November.

But some analysts saw the primary results as a referendum on Koch and his love-hate relationship with New York.

New Yorkers had grown bored with Koch and his brash, abrasive style. At a time of rising racial tensions, spurred by the killing of a black youth in a White neighbourhood, they no longer wanted Koch seeking confrontation.

Dinkins offers a style completely opposite to Koch's. Where Koch is loud, he is quiet.

Colombia braces for narco-attacks

Army patrol streets of Bogota

BOGOTA, Sept 16, (Agencies): Colombia's Army and national police braced for attacks by cocaine traffickers today, a national holiday called the day of "love and friendship," following a day of bombings and gunfire that killed nine people.

Soldiers patrolled in jeeps and on foot this morning in Bogota, Medellin, Cali and Barranquilla, Colombia's four biggest cities. The Army is operating under a state of emergency.

Friday, two policemen in Bogota, the capital, were killed by gunmen firing from a speeding vehicle, national police headquarters told the Associated Press today.

In the cocaine capital of Medellin, two policemen were wounded when a bomb exploded near a police truck, the national police said.

And in Cali, three bombs at banks wounded two policemen and seven civilians, the police told the AP. One bomb at a bus station was defused, police said.

In another development, seven people were killed yesterday in the central Colombian state of Boyaca in an ongoing emerald war, the national police headquarters in Bogota said.

Warring elements have been fighting for 20 years for control of the country's emerald mines.

Violence has become so frequent in Colombia since Aug 19—the day the government and drug traffickers mutually declared war—that government security forces are no longer saying who they think is responsible for bombings and shooting.

Leftist guerrillas blew up an oil pipeline yesterday 100 miles (160 kilometres) north of the capital, the Bogota daily El Espectador said in a report quoting oil industry sources.

The Colombian government oil company Ecopetrol's offices were closed for the weekend, and the report of the bombing near Puerto Nare along the Magdalena river could not be confirmed.

Army patrols walked the streets of Bogota today, the day of "love and friendship" throughout Colombia. A police spokesman said the patrols were preventive and aimed at reassuring citizens after "a lot of telephone terrorism."

The government ordered the patrols after the city was besieged by waves of rumours of bomb attacks and the poisoning of the city's water supply.

The government announced yesterday that President Virgilio Barco signed an emergency decree, increasing the federal government's authority in three areas controlled by the Medellin cocaine cartel's private armies.

The decree virtually suspends civilian rule in the rural areas of Puerto Boyaca, Boyaca and Pacho, all in the Magdalena Medio area about 100 miles (160 km) northwest of Bogota.

Also Friday, Colombia's Air Force reminded the country's civil aeronautics agency, as it does routinely each year, of long standing orders under which Air Force pilots can shoot down unidentified aircraft that refuse to land.

The Air Force issued orders 12 years ago for its pilots to force down civilian planes that do not have permission to fly over Colombia. That order came after scores of small aircraft began arriving each month from the United States to pick up loads of marijuana.

Drug smugglers have since switched to carrying cocaine to the United States by land or sea. In the last 12 years, the Air Force has forced dozens of planes without flight plans to land but has never resorted to shooting down a plane.

The Army announced yesterday that 28 suspected guerrillas were arrested in Medellin and accused of "carrying out terrorist acts together with narco-traffickers."

An Army communique from the 4th Army brigade based in the city said the 28 belonged to the National Liberation Army, one of six leftist guerrilla groups known to operate in Colombia.

Traditionally, Colombia's leftist guerrillas and the generally right-wing cocaine cartels have been at odds. Frequent Army-guerrilla fighting interrupts cocaine processing operations in the same areas.

Bogota police chief Nasin Gianni Diaz said reports of "telephone terrorism," in which callers make bomb and death threats, increased in the capital on the eve of the holiday marked by an exchange of gifts.

"Citizens should take the threats seriously and report them to police," he said in an interview on Colombian television. "But we are guaranteeing a peaceful day of love and friendship."



Two little girls on their way to school pass the State Coffee Bank which was destroyed by a bomb blast. (Reuters wirephoto)

Changes to ensure safe landings DC-10 modifications planned

LOS ANGELES, Sept 16, (AP): McDonnell Douglas Corp. said yesterday it would make changes to the hydraulic systems of its DC-10 jetliners in response to the crash-landing of a DC-10 in Iowa that killed 112 people.

The modifications were hailed by James B. Busey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"The system design changes proposed by McDonnell Douglas ... are a solid step forward in assuring there will be no repeat of the July 19 accident," Busey said in a statement

issued in Washington, DC.

"Once these design changes are in place, they will raise the already high safety standards required of the DC-10 and, in effect, make a good airplane even better."

The planned changes are intended to ensure safe landings even if all three hydraulic systems fail.

In the July crash, the tail engine on the DC-10 disintegrated, knocking out all three hydraulic systems, — an event a McDonnell Douglas statement called "one in a billion."

The flight crew, relying on engine thrust, guided the plane to a crash-landing in Sioux City, Iowa, and 184 people survived.

Douglas Aircraft Co., a division of McDonnell Douglas based in Long Beach, manufactured the DC-10s, which have been replaced by the newer but similar MD-11s.

McDonnell spokeswoman Elaine Bendel said in a telephone interview that the company had yet to decide whether to make the same modifications to its MD-11s.

Jackson rips Bush anti-drug strategy

WASHINGTON, Sept 16, (AP): President George Bush, anxious for money to combat drug trafficking, says he is ready to deal with Senate Democrats seeking to expand the programme by \$2.2 billion now and enlarge it in the future.

"We're flexible in terms of the funding method," Bush said at a White House luncheon yesterday. "But I strongly believe we must remain the integrated elements of this drug strategy which took more than six months to develop."

His comment came as a Senate bipartisan task force finished two hours of negotiations yesterday with Republicans promising to present a fresh financing plan when talks resume Monday.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, who has run for president twice, told the House Select Committee on Narcotics the Bush plan "does not match the breadth of this national crisis" and urged "commitment-style talks to draw up a new version."

In the Senate, the Democratic plan to generate an additional \$2.2 billion through a half-per cent, across-the-board cut in federal programmes remained part of a money bill for transportation programmes awaiting final floor action.

The administration opposes the idea offered by Senate Appropriations Committee chairman Robert C. Byrd, a member of the opposition Democratic Party, because it would slice \$1.8 billion from the Defence Department's budget.

"We can't afford to sacrifice our military preparedness," Bush said yesterday.

Democrats were confident following the initial session of the task force made up of nine Republican and nine Democratic senators. "It was a good step," Byrd told a news conference.

Democrats said, however, that money agreements reached now would be only a start on the drug war and that they have fundamental disagreements with the Bush administration over what its size and scale should be.

Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Joseph R. Biden Jr. also a Democrat, said Democrats eventually want to expand the attack on cocaine dealers beyond what has been envisioned thus far by Republicans and provide more treatment and education.

National drug policy director William J. Bennett, author of the drug plan, says it most likely will be expanded in the future and an updated version is due in February. He also says the administration's request is a sharp increase over a drug-fighting budget that was only \$2 billion three years ago.

Jackson drew applause and scattered shouts of approval from spectators as he told the House Select Committee on Narcotics the nation needs "a new initiative equal to the scope and depth of the problem."

He criticised the plan for lack of enforcement strength, aid for the poor and input from national and community leaders with experience in the fighting drugs. He said a meeting at the Camp David presidential retreat should be convened to redraw the strategy.

'Not his own' girl incited killer

SANTA ROSA, California, Sept 16, (UPI): In a taped confession played yesterday Ramon Salcido told police he began his grisly wine country murder spree by cutting his four-year-old daughter's throat upon learning she was "not my own" and after a drug-and-alcohol binge the night before.

In the tape played at his preliminary hearing, Salcido said he drove his three young daughters to a country dump and one by one took the girls from his truck, slashed their throats and threw them down an embankment.

"I was drunk. I was out. I took my knife and I cut her throat," he said of Sofia, 4. He said he then slashed the throat of Teresa, 1, killing her, and cut the throat of Carmela, 2, who survived.

"I was out, I was crying also," Salcido said.

Salcido said his wife Angela had told him that Sofia, their first daughter, had not been fathered by him. She married me when she was pregnant.

Salcido said he then went to the home of his mother-in-law in Cotati, California, Marian Richards, killing her and her two daughters, Ruth, 12, and Marie, 8. He then returned to his Boyes Hot Springs home and shot his wife before going to the Grand Cru Winery and killing co-worker Tracey Toovey, which he said was easy "because I've also killed so many."

Salcido sat tensely at the defence table in municipal court as the taped confession, taken on the April 20 airplane flight from his native Mexico where he was captured, was played before a jammed courtroom of about 65 people.

Public defender Marleen Miller, who said he planned to use an insanity defence, made a motion to strike the use of the tape but then agreed to allow it to be played.

Miller also extensively questioned Sonoma county sheriff's deputy Dave Edmonds about details of the extradition of Salcido from Mexico, challenging the legality of the confession. Edmonds, who questioned Salcido on the plane, said the confession was taped after the plane was over US territory.

Beauty and the beast

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Sept 16, (AP): A Miss America contestant was hit in the head by a bottle last night while riding in the glittery Miss America parade on the resort's famed boardwalk.

Miss Oklahoma Tamara Denise Toshiko Marler, 26, was taken to Atlantic City Medical Centre. The bottle struck her in the forehead but did not cut her, said police detective Sgt Sam Rando, who was with her in the emergency room.

Police Capt James Dinoto said, "I don't believe she was hurt seriously."

Sheri Spatz, a hospital spokeswoman, said there was no diagnosis immediately available.

Miss Marler was riding in an open convertible when she was struck by a bottle thrown by someone in the crowd, Dinoto said.

Miss Marler, a University of Tulsa student, became a likely top 10 finalist by winning a preliminary talent competition Wednesday. She sang an audience-grabbing rendition of "Since I Fell For You."

Several thousand pageant fans and tourists had lined the boardwalk to view last night's parade. The finals in the Miss America pageant are today.



Viscount Althorp and Victoria Lockwood at rehearsals yesterday for their wedding today. (Reuters wirephoto)

Princess Di's brother weds

The nearly royal wedding of the year

GREAT BRINGTON, England, Sept 16, (AP): Princess Diana's brother and his bride had their "quiet, family wedding," today in a village church besieged by reporters and photographers.

"It's the wedding of the year," said Emily Coghlan, 64, who deployed her lawn chair in front of the church eight hours before the ceremony. Heavy showers spattered on the black trash bags that protected her tea, coffee, orange juice and sandwiches.

The marriage of Viscount Althorp and Victoria Lockwood had been proclaimed "the nearly royal wedding of the year" by the Sunday Times of London, and the royal connection helped elevate yesterday's rehearsal to front-page fodder for some London tabloids.

The bride wore the Spencer family tiara, which Diana wore when she married Prince Charles in 1981.

Both weddings were conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie — "a very nice man," in the opinion of the eighth Earl of Spencer, father of the groom, whose comments were included in a packet of press material on the ceremony.

Charles and Diana were among the guests, and their second son, 5-year-old Prince Harry, was a page. Security, in deference to presence of royalty, was strict, and villagers needed red tickets to be admitted to an enclosure near the church.

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Wearing a dress of golden silk and antique lace, trimmed with antique sables, she walked up the aisle on the arm of her father, John Lockwood, a civil aviation authority executive.

Prince Harry, who celebrated his fifth birthday yesterday, did his fidgety best to upstage the bride and groom at yesterday's rehearsal.

Barbara Cartland, 88-year-old queen of the romance novels and mother of the earl's second wife, arrived in a hot pink chiffon dress and hat.

Another 200 people were invited for champagne and a light supper afterward at the family house.

The estate stands in Northamptonshire amid rolling pastures where sheep and cattle placidly graze among the hedgerows.

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Gabor delivers furious tirade despite gag order

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Sept 16, (AP): Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor came to court yesterday in a Rolls-Royce and a furious mood, calling the policeman who arrested her during a traffic stop and everyone else involved in the case a "liar."

"I like men of achievement, not a man with a gun. ... I should have scratched his eyes out," Miss Gabor — who is under court order not to talk about the case — told reporters outside the courtroom where she is on trial on charges of slapping officer Paul Kramer.

Miss Gabor is charged with misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying an officer's orders, driving with an expired licence, and having an open container of alcohol in her car and an expired car registration. A conviction carries a maximum two years in jail and \$4,000 fine.

Kramer pulled her over on June 14 for having expired registration licences on her \$215,000 Rolls-Royce Corniche convertible. As he checked for violations, Miss Gabor allegedly drove off, was stopped again and slapped Kramer's face.

The outburst came before a second day of testimony. Questioned by deputy district attorney Elden Fox and defence attorney William Grayson, Kramer had testified Thursday that Miss Gabor cursed, spat on him and slapped him.

Miss Gabor's tirade began at the curb outside the courthouse.

"This man is the biggest liar in the world," Miss Gabor charged, ignoring pleas from her attorney reminding her about the gag order in the case.



Gabor holds up a sketch she made of Beverly Hills police officer during yesterday's trial.

No US funds for Ortega foe

WASHINGTON, Sept 16, (AP): The US government, retreating under congressional pressure, abandoned yesterday its idea of helping to finance the presidential election campaign of Nicaragua opposition leader Violeta Chamorro through a US-financing private organisation.

Chamorro is campaigning to defeat Daniel Ortega, the Nicaraguan President, in a national election next February.

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Deng as he appeared on the evening Chinese television newscast Sept 16. (Reuters wirephoto)

Deng reappears after 3 months

BEIJING, Sept 16, (AP) Senior leader Deng Xiaoping appeared in public today for the first time in more than three months, looking tanned and vigorous as he met a US professor at the Great Hall of the People.

Deng's 70-minute meeting with TD Lee, a Nobel prize-winning physicist from Columbia University, was his first public appearance since June 9, five days after the military attack on pro-democracy students and their supporters in Beijing.

Since then, Chinese and foreign sources have reported Deng is seriously ill with prostate cancer and may not have long to live. Chinese officials have said Deng is in good health and spent part of the summer resting at the seaside resort of Bodaiba.

Speculation that Deng was no longer capable of carrying out his official functions rose when he failed to meet the president of the African State of Burkina Faso during a recent visit.

The 85-year-old party patriarch, in remarks audible in an evening news report on the meeting, said he sometimes swims for up to one hour.

The television report showed the smiling Deng, wearing a gray Mao suit, grasp Lee's hand with both of his and then walk steadily hand-in-hand with the American. He was also shown in animated conversation, gesturing and laughing.

"The recent turmoil has taught us a major lesson," Deng was quoted as saying by the

television news and by the official Xinhua news agency. "Some of our comrades just immersed themselves in their specific work, did not pay enough attention to ideological and political developments, were not vigilant enough against the serious corruption, and the measures taken to correct it proved less than effective."

Deng was apparently referring to ousted Communist Party Chief Zhao Ziyang, who has been accused of abetting the pro-democracy demonstrators and splitting the party.

Deng stressed that China will not change the policies of reform that he initiated a decade ago, but he also said China must stick to socialism.

Deng retired in 1987 from all his official posts except the powerful chairmanship of the central

military commission. He is still regarded as the ultimate arbiter of power in China and no major decision could be made without his approval.

Lee was a winner of the 1957 Nobel prize for physics.

China is tightening security in Beijing before its national day to ensure the occasion is not marked with a renewal of protests crushed by the Army in June.

Western diplomats and Chinese residents said today they believed the possibility of protests on October 1, the 40th anniversary of the founding of communist China, was remote.

Most of the stepped up security measures are taken at night when troops guarding key intersections around the city are reinforced.

Hun Sen supports Thailand peace bid

BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept 16, (AP) — Cambodian Premier Hun Sen said he supports efforts by Thailand to achieve a ceasefire in this country, Cambodia's official news agency reported today.

But Hun Sen, leader of the Vietnamese-installed Phnom Penh government, said he could not meet with Thai Prime Minister Chirathai Choonhavan before Sept 28 — two days after Vietnam is scheduled to complete a withdrawal of troops from Cambodia.

Hun Sen's recent remarks in the western Cambodian town of Battambang were carried by the SPK news agency and monitored in Bangkok.

"The main goal of peace talks (with Chirathai) is to reach a ceasefire in Cambodia," he said. "We support this plan."

He said the Phnom Penh government has stressed the need for a ceasefire as a starting point for reconciliation in Cambodia.

But the leaders of the three guerrilla factions fighting the Vietnamese-installed government responded coolly to Chirathai's initiative during separate talks in Bangkok this past week.

Khieu Samphan, leader of the Khmer Rouge, the most powerful faction, said he would not accept a ceasefire unless the Vietnamese troops withdrawal is monitored by a UN-appointed observer.

He also repeated demands that the Phnom Penh government be replaced by a four-party administration representing all of the Cambodian factions.

Hun Sen said that after meeting with Cambodian Army units stationed on the border with neighboring Thailand, he did not rule out the possibility of a guerrilla war "unleashed by the enemy."

Many analysts have expressed doubts about the fighting ability of the Cambodian Army following the Vietnamese pullout.

But Hun Sen said, "If such a withdrawal will be detrimental to our balance of forces on the battlefield, certainly we might not have decided to do it."

Analysts fear that the Khmer Rouge, the radical communist group led by Pol Pot that was ousted by Vietnam's 1978 invasion, could return to power.

During his 3 1/2-year rule, the Khmer Rouge killed at least hundreds of thousands of Cambodians in a bid to create a pure communist state.

According to her friends in Islamabad, where she spent about two years as Financial Times correspondent, Lamb has been relieved of her assignment by the newspaper management for filing a story which proved baseless.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's intelligence sources have stepped up investigations to find out the sources of Lamb in Pakistan, including the federal ministers whom she quoted in her story.

15 killed, 7 hurt in Manila landslide

Two die as parcel bomb explodes

MANILA, Sept 16, (Agencies) — Monsoon rains triggered a landslide that buried more than a dozen houses in a squatter colony and killed at least 15 people, officials said.

Rescuers today used picks, shovels, and their bare hands to pull bodies and survivors from under mud, rock and debris. Heavy equipment could not immediately be moved into the area, officials said.

Zenaida Santa Ana of the Department of Social Welfare and Development said the landslide occurred at about 6 am (2200 GMT Friday) in the village of Tunasan in suburban Muntinlupa, just south of the capital.

Miss Santa Ana said soldiers, policemen and civilian volunteers dug 15 bodies from under the debris. Seven of eight people found alive were in serious condition, she added.

The landslide destroyed at least 14 shanties, she said. Sixty-eight families living near the site of the landslide were sent to stay in a nearby chapel because of fear that more rain might set off another landslide, she said.



A Manila policeman looks at the covered body of a man killed in a bomb explosion in a crowded commercial district in Manila on Sept 16. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ten hours after the incident, rescuers were still searching for a missing male resident believed to be buried, the official said.

"My wife shouted, the mountain is coming down," said Aladine Estocada, 36, who survived the mudslide. "I rushed to the door but stones and earth were rushing down. So I hid inside a drum. That's how I survived."

He said his wife also survived, but two boarders in his house were buried. Estocada said eight people were inside his neighbor's house when it was covered by earth, and he said mud swept away three other nearby houses containing another 30 people.

Rosario Marasigan, director of the Department of Social Welfare, said rescue workers evacuated about 400 people whose homes were swept away or threatened by loose earth following the 6 am mudslide.

Residents of the area said they lived at the former garbage dump because they had no other choice.

"We don't have anywhere to go so we just settled here beside the mountain," said Estocada, a native of the central province of Iloilo.

"My brothers and sisters are still there," said another survivor as he pointed to the spot where their house once stood.

A man and his wife were killed when a parcel bomb exploded at a newsstand in a crowded commercial district in Manila today, police said.

They said five people were slightly injured in the blast which rocked the busy Quiapo area.

Police quoted witnesses as saying a man left a package at the newsstand operated by the victims and disappeared into an underground walkway.

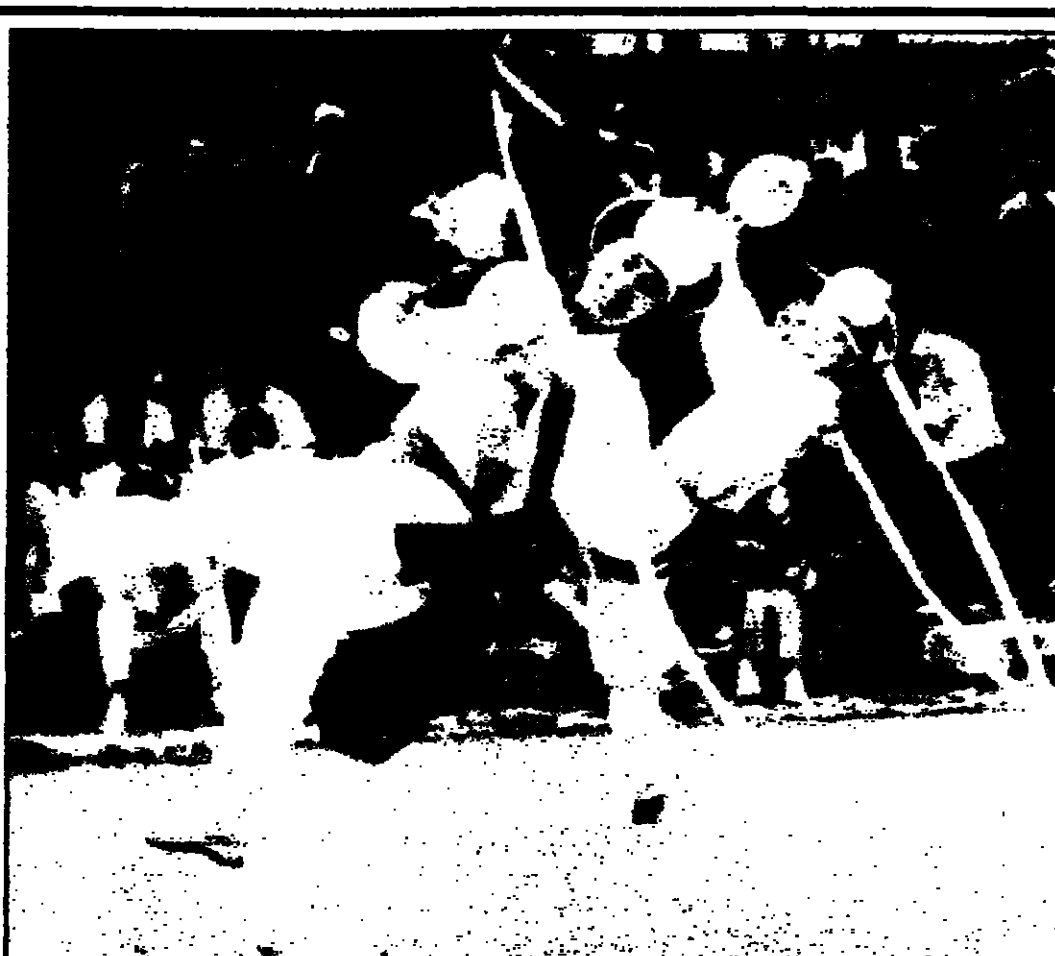
Authorities have made no arrests and nobody claimed responsibility for the blast.

In the southern Philippines, a town mayor was shot dead by suspected communist assassins while walking with relatives on Thursday night.



I have won

Taiwanese film director Hou Hsiao-Hsien shows his joy outside his hotel in Venice after winning the Golden Lion award for the best film at the 1989 Venice Film Festival. (Reuters wirephoto)



S.Koreans celebrate

Traffic accidents during South Korea's three-day full-moon festival killed 117 and injured thousands as people travelled to their hometowns and back in unusual heavy rains, police said today.

National police headquarters in Seoul said 3,140 people were hurt and 117 people died in 2,238 traffic accidents, most on highways connecting the country's handful of major cities. Forty-six people died and 1,259 were injured yesterday alone.

In a record-breaking exodus, an estimated 10 million people left cities for their hometowns in the provinces to

celebrate Chusok, the most important holiday of the year when families traditionally gather to pay respect to ancestors, which ended on Friday.

An estimated third of South Korea's 42 million people clogged buses, trains and highways during Chusok, which ended on Friday.

This year heavy rainfall, unusual for September, was reported throughout the country.

Picture shows 5 Korean dancers perform a traditional Korean farmers dance at the folk village outside Seoul (Reuters wirephoto)

US troops to stay in S. Korea: envoy

SEOUL, Sept 16, (Reuters) — The new US ambassador to South Korea arrived in Seoul today and said the American government would keep troops on the peninsula until South Koreans decided otherwise.

"So long as the Korean government and public share with us the judgment that there is a need for our presence, we will be here to assist in maintaining peace," Donald Gregg said.

The United States stations more than 43,000 soldiers in South Korea.

US senators held up Gregg's nomination since early March on grounds they did not believe that he was unaware of illegal arms sales to Nicaraguan Contra rebels while assistant for national security affairs to then-vice-president George Bush.

Gregg, 61, was approved by the full Senate on Sept 12. His arrival in Seoul preceded the scheduled three-day visit of US Vice-President Dan Quayle on Sept 19.

South Korea's two biggest radical student organizations have announced a "period for struggle to block Gregg's induction and show opposition to the visit of the US vice-president," from Sept 16 to 28, Yonhap news agency reported today.

The agency said national police headquarters were strengthening security around US buildings, fearing surprise attack or siege and occupation of the facilities.

The US Embassy was last attacked in May 1983, when a small group of South Korean students scaled the walls and threw home-made bombs. No one was hurt.

Gregg was posted to South Korea from 1973 to 1975 while working for the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

South Korea, meanwhile, proposed to communist North Korea today that the two countries resume political talks on Oct 12 to prepare for a meeting of their prime ministers.

North Korea originally had proposed that the dialogue be reopened on Monday but South Korea is seeking to delay it until Oct 12. The South gave no reason for seeking the delay.

The meeting of the two Koreas' prime ministers would be the first at that level since the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945. Two rounds of political talks early this year produced little progress.

ABC didn't know Kissinger's ties

NEW YORK, Sept 16, (AP) — The ABC news television programme says it wouldn't have used former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger as a paid expert on a China special last June if it had known of his business ties in the country.

But L. Paul Bremer, a Kissinger business associate, said today that there was no conflict of interest in Kissinger's appearance on the broadcast. On it, Kissinger was asked about possible US military sanctions against China for its violence against the student-led demonstrations in Beijing.

In his reply, the former secretary of state in the administrations of Presidents Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon stressed the importance of US relations with the Chinese government. "I wouldn't do any sanctions," he said.

Kissinger at the time was appearing under a special agreement with the ABC television network that he terminated Wednesday after his election as a board member of CBS, Inc., the

second of the three major US networks.

The ABC deal, struck in 1982, paid him as a consultant and gave ABC the right to interview him first on any of its broadcasts, including "World News Tonight" and Ted Koppel's "Nightline," but only on breaking stories.

He wasn't paid for appearances as a guest on these shows, including as "Nightline" and "World News Tonight" when his interviews didn't concern breaking news, said ABC spokeswoman Elise Adde.

Had ABC known of his business ties in China, she said, "we would not have had him on that broadcast" in June.

Kissinger has extensive business interests in China, including the establishment of a \$75-million fund to be raised from US investors for joint ventures with the merchant banking arm of the Chinese government, the Wall Street Journal newspaper reported yesterday.

Asian security talks Nuclear disarmament

TOKYO, Sept 16, (AP) — An international symposium on peace and security through nuclear disarmament in the Asia-Pacific region opened in Tokyo today, officials said.

Some 31 scientists from 12 countries, including the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and Southeast Asia, are meeting at the 56th Pugwash conference, started 34 years ago in Pugwash, Canada, at the suggestion of Albert Einstein, spokesman Kenichi Nakamura said.

Discussions at the meetings, most of which are closed sessions, will focus on major political, strategic and economic conflicts, conditions and prospects for nuclear disarmament and impacts of high technology on peaceful development in the Asia-Pacific region, he said.

Yoshiaki Sakamoto, a professor at Tokyo's Meiji Gakuin University, said during a keynote speech that disarmament in the Asia-Pacific region has been inactive compared with disarmament in Europe.

The major focus in the Asia-Pacific region has been disarmament at sea, he said.

Not only does disarmament promote economic growth, but it also eliminates domestic arms use and contributes to democratization of Third World countries, Sakamoto added.

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About 50 protesters chanting "go home" refused to allow Peter Roberts, captain of the US frigate Rodney M. Davis, to approach the large memorial statue in the centre of Nagasaki's Peace Memorial park. The park is dedicated to the victims of the atomic bombing at the end of World War II.

Roberts and other members of the ship's crew

Hugo heads for Leeward Islands

MIAMI, Sept 16, (AP) — Hurricane Hugo, expected to be the most powerful storm to hit the northeastern Caribbean in a decade, headed today for the Leeward Islands with 140 mile-per-hour winds.

"This is an extremely dangerous hurricane," said hurricane specialist Max Mayfield at the US National Hurricane Centre in Florida. "This is stronger than hurricane David back in 1979."

That storm left 1,200 dead in the Caribbean and Florida.

At 1600 GMT, Hugo's centre was about 175 miles (280 kilometres) east-southeast of the French resort island of Guadeloupe in the Leeward Islands. It was expected to hit the island later today before moving toward Puerto Rico, forecasters Martin Nelson said.

The hurricane was moving west at 14 miles per hour (22 kilometres per hour), sending showers and gusty winds to the eastern edge of the Caribbean.

The storm's strength fluctuated today, with winds dipping from 150 miles per hour (240 kilometres per hour) in the morning. It was expected to continue fluctuating in strength as the size of the eye contracts and expands, forecasters said.

In Paris, Air France announced it was cancelling all three of its flights scheduled to Martinique because of the storm. Miami-based Eastern Airlines planned no cancellations of reroutings, but spokesman Robin Matell said, "We'll keep monitoring it very closely."

A hurricane warning was posted from St. Lucia north to Martinique, including the British Virgin Islands, and a hurricane watch in the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico may be upgraded to a warning. A tropical storm watch was in effect for the islands of Barbados and St. Vincent, according to the hurricane centre.

Forecasters classed the hurricane in category four, meaning it is considered capable of extreme damage. If its sustained winds grow to 155 miles per hour (248 kilometres per hour), it would be classified in category five, capable of catastrophic damage.

Islanders were warned to expect rainfall of up to 10 inches (25 centimetres) and a storm surge with waves 10 feet (three metres) higher than normal.

Dominica, Guadeloupe's closest neighbour to the south, has only recently recovered from the destruction David wrought 10 years ago, when floods and mud slides poured down from mountains onto coastal towns and villages.

Fake boat people Hanoi asked to take back

TOKYO, Sept 16, (Reuters) — Japan formally asked Vietnam to take back "boat people" who left home for economic reasons, Kyodo news service reported today.

The message was conveyed to Vietnamese embassy officials in Tokyo, it reported.

Foreign Ministry officials were unavailable for comment.

Kyodo also said the ministry delivered to the Chinese embassy in Tokyo a list of 126 illegal Chinese entrants who would be deported from Japan.

Search for missing jet

JAKARTA, Sept 16, (AP) — Rescuers were searching today for a missing domestic passenger plane with 22 people on board in the eastern province of Irian Jaya, an airline official said.

M. Djubaedi, spokesman for the state-owned Merpati Nusantara Airlines, said rescuers were using three light planes to search for the twin Otter aircraft, missing since Friday between Manokwari and Bentuni in northern Irian Jaya.

The plane took off from Manokwari's Rendani airport at 10.45 pm local time (0145 GMT) and the control tower lost contact with it 10 minutes before it was scheduled to land in Bentuni at 11.20 pm (0220 GMT).

instead placed a wreath about 30 metres (100 feet) away from the statue. After they left, several protesters pushed the wreath over and stamped on it.

The Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) quoted Senji Yamaguchi, chairman of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Victims Council, as saying the group was protesting the ship's visit because of the possibility it was carrying nuclear weapons.

NHK quoted Roberts as saying that he regretted the incident, but that it would not affect his friendship for the people of Nagasaki.

PPP, IJI 'using public money' for political ends

ISLAMABAD, Sept 16, (KUNA) — A veteran politician has strongly criticised the Pakistan Peoples Party and the Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad alliance, for misusing government funds in their race for attracting large crowds to their public rallies.

Air Marshal (retired) Mohammed Asghar Khan, the chief of radical Tehrik-e-Istiqbal, regretted that the two sides were indulging in senseless display of strength by holding public meetings at official expense instead of improving the poor man's lot with government money.

Addressing the district bar association in Sheikhupura yesterday the senior politician said leaders

of PPP and IJI had gone astray, ignoring their basic duty of ameliorating the conditions of the masses of Pakistan.

The massive funds the PPP and the IJI were using to organise big rallies in different parts of the country should be spent on removing the legitimate grievances of people which were lying unattended since nine months when they took over reins of power at the centre and in provinces.

On the one hand Pakistan was reeling under heavy foreign debt burden and on the other its rulers were engaging themselves in the luxury of staging mass public rallies by using millions of

rupees, Asghar Khan said.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who is the co-chairperson of the PPP, and Punjab Chief Minister Mohammed Nawaz Sharif, who heads the IJI Alliance, have of late been addressing public rallies in major cities of the country, notably Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Karachi and Peshawar. The race for respective show of strength gained momentum after August 17 when the IJI sponsored a big rally at the grave of late President Ziaul Haq in Islamabad on his first death anniversary. The PPP held a bigger rally in Rawalpindi on Defence Day on September 6.

Armenian-Azeri clash likely

Yeltsin calls for ouster of five Politburo members

MOSCOW, Sept 16. (Agencies): Soviet Armenia today looked set for a head-on collision with neighbouring Azerbaijan over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

During an extraordinary session of the Armenian Parliament, a member said Azerbaijan had blocked food and fuel from Armenia through a rail strike to back its side of the argument.

The parliamentary session was expected to reject an overnight vote in Azerbaijan for an end to Moscow rule over the enclave — mainly populated by Armenians but situated within Azerbaijan.

Eduard Mirzoyan, a member of the Armenian and Soviet parliaments, denounced strikes in Azerbaijan over the territory which he said had paralysed rail links and forced a virtual economic blockade of Armenia.

"According to Mirzoyan, the rail link from Azerbaijan is at a standstill and authorities in Moscow are doing nothing to restore it," said a journalist at the Armenian news agency, Armenpress. Some 87 per cent of supplies to Armenia from elsewhere in the country go through Azerbaijan.

"He said the shops are empty, there is nothing to eat except bread and there is no fuel either. Workers who have come from elsewhere to help rebuilding after last December's earthquake have got nothing but bread to eat either."

Deputies were due later to discuss the status of Nagorno-Karabakh, the focus of more than 18 months of violence in which at least 120 people have died.

Armenian journalists said the Parliament was likely to condemn the Azerbaijan vote, which called for the abolition of a Kremlin commission set up in January to take temporary control of the troubled region.

They were also expected to reaffirm demands for Nagorno-Karabakh to be put instead under Armenian control, adding to tensions ahead of Tuesday's key Kremlin session called to try to calm the wave of nationalist unrest sweeping the Soviet Union.

Friday's vote in Azerbaijan came at the end of a stormy session which was marked by fierce criticism of the work of the Moscow commission and its head, Arkady Volsky.

Towards the end, members of the republic's radical Popular Front movement who were attending as observers walked out and threatened strikes when Communist Party leader Abdul Vezirov tried to push through a more moderate measure.

Rail traffic between Armenia and Azerbaijan has been severely restricted for several weeks.

Although a general strike in Azerbaijan was called off last week, goods trains are still not running normally. Azerbaijani authorities say they cannot guarantee safety on lines because trains to Armenia are being attacked.

■ The Bush administration is expressing concern that Gorbachev's policies could lead to the breakup of the Western alliance and the disintegration of the postwar European order.

Exodus-border will stay open indefinitely: Nemeth

Hundreds continue to stream westward

BONN, Sept 16. (Reuters): Hungary will keep its border to the West open indefinitely after this week's exodus of East German refugees, Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth said in a West German newspaper article released today.

In a commentary to be published in the Bild Am Sonntag Sunday newspaper, Nemeth discussed criticism from East Germany's hardline communist leadership over the border opening, which Budapest had previously billed as temporary.

More than 13,000 East Germans surged across the Hungarian border with Austria on their way to start new lives in West Germany after Hungary's reformist communist leadership opened the frontier last Sunday.

Responding to East Germany's criticism, Nemeth said: "I can only answer: Hungary opened the borders in keeping with the principles of the Helsinki agreement."

He was referring to 1975 treaties guaranteeing free movement of peoples signed by every West and East European country except

Albania.

"If one really wants to build the European house which Soviet President (Mikhail) Gorbachev has spoken of, one cannot close the borders again."

"In such a house there can be no rooms that are separated from one another by barbed wire," wrote Nemeth, whose government, along with Poland's has been at the forefront of democratic reform in Eastern Europe.

West German border police said today a further 500 East German refugees arrived during the night, and officials expected a few hundred to continue arriving daily for the present.

Budapest on Thursday rejected East German demands that it seal the border and said East Berlin was to blame for the exodus. In an official note, Hungary said it did not see how it could revoke its decision to suspend a 1969 pact curbing passage of each other's nationals to third countries.

East Berlin has accused Bonn of luring its citizens to the west. West

Crime statistics: One-in-three men born in 1953 in the UK had a conviction for an offence by the time they were aged 31, according to new British Home Office figures published today.

But conviction figures for females were "much smaller."

One-in-eight men born in 1953 had at least one conviction for violence before reaching the age of 21, while six per cent had been given a custodial sentence by the time they reached the age of 31.

The figures were disclosed in a Home Office bulletin on the "criminal and custodial careers" of people born 1953, 1958 and 1963. (Kuna)

Historian beaten up: One of France's leading "revisionist" historians, who deny the existence of Nazi gas chambers in World War Two, was rushed to hospital today after being badly beaten up, officials said.

Robert Faurisson, 50, was being treated for a broken jaw in the Vichy hospital after an assault by three youths while he was walking his dog in a park in the central French town, they said.

French radio said the attack was claimed by a previously unknown group calling itself "The Sons of the Memory of the Jews." It said in a statement that "Faurisson is the first but will not be the last."

"Let those who deny the Shoah (Holocaust) beware," it said. (Reuters)

Refusal to testify: A military bodyguard present when Lesotho's military ruler shot dead a student refused today to testify at an inquest, saying he feared committing perjury.

The key witness, Sergeant Khotsoho Mojaohomo, 40, first implicated Major-General Justin Lekanya but changed his statement to police and said he fired the shot that killed George Ramone.

Lekanya, 51, who toppled a civilian government in a 1986 coup, has admitted killing Ramone, 20, last December 23.

Testifying under a summons yesterday, the military strongman defended the killing as lawful, saying he was trying to arrest Ramone for attempted rape when he shot the student. (Reuters)

W. Berliner to be charged: Police announced yesterday that they were holding a West Berliner in connection with the shooting of two men from the same city on Wednesday morning.

Police identified the suspect as Holster Vozniak, 53, a retired refrigeration engineer who will be charged today with the premeditated murder of Alexander-Christof Wendel, 21, and the serious wounding of Thomas Grub, 20.

The two tourists were hit by shotgun blasts as they slept in their motor camper off a beach at the village of Lithochorion, Plakias, 51 kilometres (32 miles) from this northern Greek city.

Police said Wendel died in the camper. (AP)

US policy defended: Deputy Secretary of State, Lawrence Eagleburger, yesterday defended the US immigration policy for Soviet Jews and called on other countries to share the burden by offering a home to some of the recent flow of emigres.

"I resent the implication that we have some heartless, conservative approach to this problem," Eagleburger said, emphatically responding to criticism from Congress and Jewish organisations of the administration's plan to admit 50,000 Soviet immigrants in fiscal 1990, which begins Oct 1.

"There are limits on the numbers we can take," he added at a hearing of the Senate judiciary subcommittee on immigration, citing budget constraints and stressing that Western European nations, as well as Canada and Australia, also have a duty to accept some of the refugees. (Kuna)

Hungarians vote: A by-election in western Hungary today is a test of support for the reformist Communist Party and also of whether Hungarians care about democracy.

Results of the poll in the rural town of Zalaszeresz are expected later today, and will be closely watched because the communist candidate, local newspaper editor Istvan Gyoryffy, is a declared reformist.

In three parliamentary by-elections in July and August, Hungary's strongest opposition group, the Hungarian Democratic Forum (HDF), trounced the communists.

This time the opposition candidates are local doctor Gyula Marx, backed by the HDF and two radical opposition groups, and lawyer Istvan Schein of the Social Democratic Party. (Reuters)

Slovenia defies warning: Yugoslavia's liberal republic of Slovenia has defied a federal warning by adopting constitutional amendments on a right to secede from the communist Balkan state.

The Slovenian Parliament's commission last night also adopted amendments which would grant the republic economic and political sovereignty and bar federal intervention on its territory, Belgrade newspapers said.

The votes came only hours after the eight-member Yugoslav state presidency, the country's highest constitutional authority, warned that the amendments were against the constitution and unacceptable. (Reuters)

Earthquakes: An earthquake centred in the Caspian Sea struck the Soviet republics of Azerbaijan and Turkmen today, the official Tass news agency said.

No casualties were reported but old buildings were slightly damaged, Tass said.

Azerbaijan borders Soviet Armenia, where more than 24,920 people were killed in Dec 7 by an earthquake measuring force nine.

The earthquake that struck at 6.05 am Moscow time (0205 GMT) measured seven on the Soviet scale of 12 and centred was in the Caspian Sea 56 miles (90 km) northeast of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, the seismological service of the Azerbaijani Academy of Sciences said. (UPI)

Anglo-Irish bid to fight terrorism

BELFAST, Sept 16. (UPI): British and Irish leaders met yesterday in Dublin and reaffirmed their determination to fight terrorism but apparently did not agree on how to prevent leaks of secret government information to Protestant extremists.

"We had a long and productive meeting and we are determined to resolve our differences," said Peter Brooke, Britain's Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, after the seven-hour meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference.

Friday's meeting was called following a recent claim by the Protestant terrorist group the Ulster Freedom Fighters that it murdered a Roman Catholic man after obtaining a police security file that identified him as a suspected member of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

On the eve of the meeting, British authorities said in Belfast confidential documents with photographs identifying 12 IRA suspects were stolen from a locked cabinet in a police station.

Authorities said they would dispatch a senior police officer from Britain to investigate the leaks.



Dress rehearsal

The White House approved Nasa's plans yesterday to launch the \$1.4 billion nuclear-powered Galileo space probe to Jupiter from the shuttle Atlantis Oct 12, officials said.

Atlantis' five-member crew, meanwhile, breezed through a final dress rehearsal countdown at the Kennedy Space Centre yesterday before flying to Washington for a meeting today with Vice-President Dan Quayle, chairman of the National Space Council.

The White House was required to formally approve Atlantis' launch because its payload, the Galileo Jupiter probe, is equipped with electricity-producing plutonium power packs similar to those used by the highly successful Voyager probes to the outer solar system.

White House science adviser Allen Bromley, a nuclear scientist, recommended the launch go ahead, his spokeswoman said late yesterday. President Bush was not required to sign the approval, the spokeswoman said. (Reuters wirephoto)



Kidney for brother

Marine Levitanus meets her brother Anatoly Rodnyanski (right) for the first time in almost 11 years on Sept 14 at Memphis International Airport. Rodnyanski, with the help from philanthropist Amanda Hammer, came to the US from the Soviet Union in hopes of receiving a kidney from his sister. He suffers from nephritis. (Reuters wirephoto)

Easy way to slim

LONDON, Sept 16. (Kuna): A mix of Aspirin and a drug commonly used in cough medicine is set to be the new "wonder" pill for slimmers.

"It is the most effective slimming drug we have ever found," an excited British researcher was quoted this morning by the popular newspaper here Today.

The combination boosts the calories burned in the body by up to a half, according to scientists at King's College, London.

But other medical experts warned overweight people not to try a "do-it-yourself" treatment because lack of medical supervision could be dangerous.

In tests, scientists found doses of just one Aspirin and six teaspoons of a cough medicine containing the drug ephedrine made people lose weight.

Soviet invasion of Poland criticised

WARSAW, Sept 16. (Reuters): The Polish Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu accused the Soviet Union today of perpetrating "massive crimes" when it invaded Poland in concert with Hitler's army at the start of World War Two.

The newspaper, which has kept silent for decades on the Soviet role in starting the war, said in a commentary the time had come to tell the truth and set Polish-Soviet relations on a new footing.

It called the Soviet invasion of Sept 17, 1939, a huge and tragic blow which still had a psychological impact on Poles.

Under a pact with Hitler signed on August 23, Soviet troops marched in to carve up Poland after the German invasion that launched World War Two on Sept 1.

Poland, which emerged from 45 years of communist rule this month with the installation of a Solidarity-led government, is expected to mark the anniversary of the Soviet invasion for the first time on Sunday with an official wreath-laying in Warsaw.

"September 17 is deeply embedded in the consciousness of Poles, especially because after the Soviet Army's intrusion increasing repression and massive crimes began which hit millions of Poles," Trybuna Ludu said.

Soviet troops killed tens of thousands of Poles but Moscow has never accepted responsibility for the worst crime of which they have been accused, the Katyn massacre of 15,000 captive Polish officers.

An estimated 1.5 to 1.8 million Poles were also deported to Siberia during and after the war as Soviet troops imposed communist rule on Poland.

Poland's frontiers were pushed westwards after the war by agreement between Stalin and the Western allies. Poland lost large eastern territories to the Soviet Union for which it was partially compensated by the award of former German territories in the west and north.

■ Talks between top Polish and West German officials aimed at breaking the deadlock over Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to Poland ended today with another meeting likely to be held soon in Bonn, the official news agency PAP said.

The agency said the Bonn talks would probably be the last. Eight meetings already have been held to prepare for a Kohl visit.

■ Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walasa will visit South Korea late this year at the invitation of Kim Young-Sam, head of the opposition Reunification Democratic Party, the party said today.

■ Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki yesterday named Malgorzata Nizalotowska, a Solidarity journalist, to be the spokeswoman for the East bloc's first non-communist-led government.

Germany has brushed aside the attacks, saying the flood of emigres would not cease until East Germany embraced democratic reforms sought by its people.

Most of the East Germans who reached West Germany this week waited in Hungarian camps for weeks.

But many refugees arriving in the past four days obtained visas to visit Hungary and drove non-stop through Austria to West Germany, bypassing rigorous East German emigration curbs.

Nemeth said Hungary opened its frontier for the refugees because of "a moral obligation to charity and a duty to bring fundamental human rights to bear."

In East Berlin, East German state-run media stepped up criticism over the refugees, with the Berliner Zeitung daily accusing the West of waging "merciless psychological warfare against socialism."

"In the face of complicated development problems in the socialist countries, Western media and politicians have stirred up anti-communist hysteria reminiscent of the worst periods of the cold war," Berliner Zeitung said.

■ Hungary's national bank chief yesterday categorically denied allegations that his country had opened its borders to allow the emigration of East German refugees so that Budapest could score favourable financial deal with West Germany.

Ferenc Bartha, president of the Hungarian National Bank, signed the first European currency unit loan to an East European nation.

In a statement after talks with banking and EEC officials, he was at pains to reiterate his country's position that the decision to open its borders had nothing to do with seeking West European or West German credits as the country undertakes economic reforms.

The Hungarian decision this week to defy an ally and let more than 10,000 East Germans go to West Germany via Austria, marked the first time a Warsaw Pact nation had worked with a Nato country to allow the emigration of citizens of an allied country.

The exodus prompted East Germany to accuse Hungary of seeking commercial credit with the West.

■ Counter-intelligence officials said yesterday they are worried communist East Germany may have slipped a few spies into the refugee exodus to West Germany.

West Germany has been a target of spies since the start of the cold war, with agents from several East bloc countries snooping around for Nato military secrets and sensitive high-tech information.

Some of the hundreds of spies caught in the past were East Germans who came over to West Germany either as escapees or legal emigres.

Minister removed

MONGOLIA has removed Defence Minister Colonel-General Jansangyn Yondon because of his advanced age, Beijing's New China News Agency said today.

It said in a report from Ulan Bator that Yondon had been replaced by Lubsangombo Molomzhants, former chief of the law and policy department of the ruling Communist Party.



Behind the bars?

South African policemen look through the fence around their headquarters as thousands of anti-apartheid demonstrators marched in Johannesburg on Friday to present a protest letter against police violence. (Reuters wirephoto)

Blacks bury their dead

SA police keep low profile

CAPE TOWN, Sept 16. (Reuters): The South African government, extending a new hands-off policy on protest, allowed thousands of dissidents to stage political funerals today for three youths and a child they say were shot by police.

Police kept an unusually low profile as dancing, banner-waving mourners roared support for the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrillas at emotional ceremonies in three black and (mixed-race) coloured townships near Cape Town.

"Viva ANC, viva ANC," up to 5,000 Parkwood township residents chanted at the burial of 18-year-old Pedro Page, one of 23 people who activists say police shot dead during election violence last week.

The police restraint signalled a further easing of curbs on public protest after President-elect F.W. de Klerk changed official policy this week and allowed protest marches in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria, the country's three biggest cities.

Marches and outdoor gatherings such as political funerals are usually banned under three-year-old emergency regulations.

In an unprecedented action, two groups of traffic police on motorcycles escorted mourners as they marched to burial grounds in Parkwood and nearby Belleville South, dancing and chanting support for the ANC and the banned Communist Party.

The ANC, the main organisation fighting to overthrow white minority rule, has pledged to continue armed struggle despite promises by de Klerk to reduce apartheid following his National Party's (NP) election victory last week.

Riot police followed the processions in armoured vehicles but did not intervene as marchers unfurled green, black and gold ANC flags and banners reading "The people shall govern."

Before the policy switch, police often fired shotguns and tear-gas and used whips and clubs to crush protests against the exclusion of South Africa's 25 million-strong black majority from the segregated parliamentary elections.

Reformed churches leader Allan Boesak, officiating at the funeral of Patrick Muller, 13, reiterated a demand that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok resign over the shootings.

"Patrick's blood is on the hands of the minister of law and order and on the hands of de Klerk," he told the funeral at his own Dutch Reformed Mission church in Belleville South.

"We will be drowned in rivers of blood if justice does not prevail."

In Khayelitsha black township, 600 people buried five-year-old girl Nomthunzi Matshabele and Mlungiseleli Qhazane, 18, in a ceremony punctuated by shouts and songs in support of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

"Blood was shed on election night so that whites could claim an election victory. We will not forget," activist Dullah Omar told the funeral.

Angola, S. Africa ministers to meet

LISBON, Sept 16. (Agencies): The foreign ministers of Angola and South Africa are due to meet on Sunday for the second time in a month for talks on southern Africa, the Portuguese news agency Lusa said today.

Lusa earlier reported from Luanda that the meeting between Angola's Pedro Castro Van-Dunem and Pk Botha of South Africa had already taken place on Friday on the Angolan-Namibian border.

But Lusa later quoted the Angolan official news agency Angop as saying Van-Dunem was delayed by problems with his aircraft in Cumene, southern Angola, and the talks were now set for Sunday at an unspecified venue.

■ Ugandan Uganda has freed a "forgotten prisoner," detained for 17 years without trial, after a local human rights group protested at his plight.

Eriozali Ssewankambo, arrested in connection with a murder in 1972, was freed on Friday on orders of the director of public prosecutions, who acknowledged that the prisoner's file had been lost several years ago.

The 56-year-old man from Lower district, just north of Kampala, looked tired and bored when a Kampala magistrate told him that he was being released.

"After 17 years in prison I do not know where my home is or where to go," he said.

Ssewankambo's case was publicised two weeks ago by the Uganda Human Rights Activists (UHRA).

The Kampala-based group said in its latest quarterly report on the human rights situation in Uganda that Ssewankambo was Uganda's longest-held detainee.

■ Kenyan Kenya has stepped up security in its game parks since conservationist George Adamson and a Connecticut woman were shot to death in separate incidents this summer, a Kenyan official said.

"Kenya is not a dangerous destination," said Richard E. Leakey, director of Kenya's wildlife conservation management department.

Leakey said foot and air patrols have been increased in state game parks since the attack on the Connecticut tour group in July in which Marie Ferraro, 50, of Bethany was killed, and the subsequent shooting death of conservationist George Adamson.



Ethiopia rebels to hold further talks

Former US President Jimmy Carter shares a smile with the Ethiopian government's chief negotiator Aschere Vilest (right) and the Eritrean rebels' chief negotiator Alamin Mohamed Saied (left) as the trio temporarily adjourned their peace talks.

In a bold venture in private diplomacy, Carter has persuaded Ethiopia and Eritrean rebels to hold full peace talks.

In addition, he appears to have found a diplomatic framework allowing discussion of the rebels' demand for self-determination.

Carter announced on Friday that negotiators for the Marxist government of Ethiopia and the separatist Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) had agreed to hold the full talks in one of six countries—North Yemen, Egypt, Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania or Zimbabwe.

He said the two sides reached agreement on 10 of the 13 items on the agenda for the present round of preliminary talks, including the agenda for the future talks. No date was set for them.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Garang pledge

ABU DHABI, Sept. 16, (AP): The leader of rebels in southern Sudan, John Garang, was quoted today as saying he will not step up military operations against the Khartoum government.

The military attack launched by his Sudan People's Liberation Army last month south of the Blue Nile was intended to stop advancing government forces, Garang told the UAE state-run newspaper Al-Ithad.

"The SPLA is fighting for restructuring and not sharing of power," said Garang. "And I was asked to become President I would refuse," he added.

Nationalist held

TUNIS, Sept. 16, (Reuters): The Tunisian police are holding an Arab nationalist politician for questioning on suspicion he was planning acts of violence, the government newspaper La Presse said today.

Bechir Essid, head of the small and illegal Rassemblement Unioniste (Unionist Rally), was detained on Thursday after police caught a man putting up defamatory posters in central Tunis, official sources said.

The man told the police that Essid had paid him to put up the posters and to carry out violent actions against "a certain economic enterprise," La Presse said.

Qian in Jordan

AMMAN, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen arrived in Jordan today on a tour which diplomats said was partly aimed at improving China's image after the brutal suppression of its pro-democracy movement.

Qian, also due to visit Egypt, Syria and Tunisia, said in an arrival statement that Beijing would do its best to help achieve a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

He praised peace moves by the Palestine Liberation Organisation and urged Israel to take "a similar positive stand so a peace process can start in the region."

Andersson hope

AMMAN, Sept. 16, (Kuna): Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson described in press statements here today the Middle East crisis as a time bomb that may go off anytime, warning that unless some headway is made by next fall, the US would find itself in a difficult position.

However, Andersson sounded optimism, in statements published here today by Al Rai and Jordan Times, that a tangible step towards Mideast peace would be taken next fall.

ACC premiers

BAGHDAD, Sept. 16, (Kuna): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein today received prime ministers of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and North Yemen, and Abdul Aziz Ghani in presence of Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

The premiers of the four Arab countries, members of the Arab Cooperation Council, are here to open a meeting for the ACC ministerial council to discuss a number of issues of common concern.

Visit postponed

VIENNA, Sept. 16, (Kuna): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim's visit to Morocco, expected in the first week of October, was postponed.

The presidential spokesman, in a statement published here yesterday, said that another date for the visit has not been fixed yet.

Waldheim was scheduled to visit Morocco from June 5-7, but was postponed until this autumn after an agreement by both sides.

No exchange

NICOSIA, Sept. 16, (AP): Iran will not release British Roger Cooper in exchange for the recent freeing by Britain of an Iranian prisoner, an Iranian newspaper reiterated today.

The widely read Kayhan International daily said in its editorial that Britain's releasing Korush Forouh would not lead to resumption of London-Tehran ties, severed last February.

UN official pleads for Gulf peace

BAGHDAD, Sept. 16, (Agencies): United Nations envoy Marrack Goulding yesterday held talks with Iraqi officials on the work of UN observers monitoring the Gulf war ceasefire.

UN sources said Goulding would visit the ceasefire lines later to prepare a report on the mission of the 350-strong team of observers along the 1,180 km (740-mile) frontier.

Goulding, who arrived here Thursday night, is visiting Baghdad and Tehran to meet with officers of the force and consult with senior officials on the progress of the peace force's mission.

He met with Gen. Slavco Jovic of

Yugoslavia and his senior aides to review the force's activities and means of consolidating the ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Jovic commands 350 officers from 26 nations who supervise the UN-sponsored ceasefire that went into effect on Aug 20 last year to end nearly eight years of fighting.

Salim Fahmawi, a spokesman for the force, told the Associated Press that Goulding would visit the central sector of the ceasefire line and similar tours to the northern and the southern sectors to inspect UN positions along the border.

Goulding is making his third visit to the area since the ceasefire took effect. He was

expected to fly to Tehran on Monday.

Fahmawi said Goulding was expected to meet senior Iraqi officials, including Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

Peace force officials complained recently on an increase in ceasefire violations by the two sides. They said there have been over 3,000 reported violations by the two sides but only 25 per cent of them were confirmed by peace-force officers.

Fahmawi said most of the violations were not serious, although he confirmed there had been some instances of heavy artillery exchanges.

During his visit to both Iran and Iraq last March, Goulding asked the two govern-

ments to exercise restraint and urged them to form a joint military group to help in overseeing the ceasefire.

The setting up of the group collapsed over differences on the location of its meetings and its terms of reference. Goulding is expected to urge the two countries to form the group.

The UN peace force has recently helped to arrange the exchange of over 3,250 bodies of soldiers from both sides after finding their bodies in the no man's land on Gulf war front.

Most of these bodies were left scattered on the battlefield for months after the guns fell silent following the ceasefire in the war.

Arafat, Mubarak discuss ME peace

Border patrols exchange fire

Two Israelis, one Jordanian wounded

ASHDOD YAA'COV, Israel, Sept. 16, (Agencies): Israeli and Jordanian border patrols exchanged fire across the Jordan river in the dark today, wounding two Israelis and a Jordanian.

An Israeli army spokesman said two soldiers were slightly wounded when their patrol came under fire near Ashdod Yaa'cov in the northern Jordan valley at 4 am (0200 GMT). Israeli radio reported one was a bedouin trucker.

In Amman, an army spokesman said a Jordanian soldier patrolling the border at about the same time opened fire at a suspicious movement on the river bank.

"It seems that the Israeli patrols on the opposite side fired towards the same direction," he said. "As a result of this exchange, one of our members was slightly injured."

It was the sixth incident this year along the normally quiet Jordanian border and the ninth clash or rocket attack around Israel's borders in less than three weeks.

"The IDF patrol returned fire towards the source of fire and in searching after the event six M-16 magazines were found next to the Jordan river," the spokesman said.

US-designed M-16 automatic rifles are standard issue in the Jordanian and Israeli armies. Commandos fighting the Jewish state normally use Soviet-designed Kalashnikov automatic rifles.

The military spokeswoman said that after the shooting Israeli and Jordanian troops searched their respective sides of the border.

A Reuters photographer, who was ordered to leave the area, saw Israeli troops patrolling on foot but said scrub growth on the Jordanian side would have provided cover for an attack.

In Nabulus in the occupied West Bank, Samir Arbaa, 35, died in hospital from army gunshot wounds suffered on Thursday, hospital officials said. The army said he was shot when he tried to snatch a soldier's gun.

His death raised the toll in 21 months of the Palestinian uprising against Israeli control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to at least 446 Arabs and 42 Jews.

Israeli leaders were due to meet again tonight to try to reach agreement on a 10-point plan proposed by Egypt for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories. Two previous meetings ended in failure.

Despite Jordan's large Palestinian population, clashes on the Israeli border have been relatively rare and the southern section does not even have a border fence.

But there have now been five shootings and one attack by Katyusha rockets on the border this year. Two cross-border raids were carried out by Jordanian soldiers.

Israeli officers deny there is an abnormal amount of border violence, although Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned Jordan after two incidents this month to increase vigilance.

Former Sudanese minister jailed

KHARTOUM, Sept. 16, (Reuters): A military tribunal jailed a former Sudanese cabinet minister for five years today on corruption charges, state radio Omdurman reported.

It said Osman Omar Al Sharif, Housing Minister in the ousted civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, would have to serve a further five years unless he paid a fine of five million pounds (\$1.1 million).

Sharif was a member of the Democratic Unionist Party, a partner in four of the five coalition governments formed by Mahdi during his three-year rule.

League unveils Lebanese plan

Call for truce now

BEIRUT, Sept. 16, (AP): Here is the text of today's Arab League

statement on Lebanon:

The Tripartite Supreme Arab Committee — that convened from 23 to 26 May 1989 in Casablanca — in its efforts to implement the decision of the extraordinary Arab summit conference to resolve the Lebanese crisis and in order to stop the bloodshed and establish an atmosphere conducive to assuring the return of security, stability and national reconciliation, and due to the fact that the Lebanese crisis will not be resolved by military means, and further to the committee's contacts with all international and regional parties to stop the supply of weapons and ammunition to all Lebanese parties, the committee has decided on:

■ An immediate and comprehensive ceasefire throughout Lebanon.

■ Creation of a Lebanese security committee headed by a representative of the Tripartite Supreme Arab Committee, Al Akhdar Al Ibrahim, this security committee will effect and oversee the implementation of the ceasefire and will monitor all ships that are reported to the committee to be carrying weapons, or ammunition to any party.

■ Lifting of ports blockades and reopening of Beirut international airport as soon as the Lebanese security committee assumes its duties.

■ A request to all Lebanese parties to immediately stop acquiring weapons of any kind and from any source as well as to stop all propaganda campaigns.

■ A request to all concerned parties and those countries that have supported the efforts of the Tripartite Supreme Arab Committee in resolving the Lebanese crisis to do their utmost to stop the supply of weapons to any party in Lebanon. The Tripartite Supreme Arab Committee has already conducted the necessary contacts to achieve this and has received completely positive responses in this regard.

■ To call all members of the Lebanese Parliament for a meeting on Sept. 30, 1989 to discuss and prepare the national reconciliation charter. This will be done after consolidating the ceasefire, lifting of all ports

Lebanese civil war

Firemen defy shells

BEIRUT, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Underpaid, ill-equipped, ageing and sometimes overweight, Beirut's firemen also risk being attacked by both sides in Lebanon's civil war.

"We don't mind if the sky is pouring shells. We just pray and go," he added.

More than 800 people have been killed since mid-March in shelling between forces loyal to Lebanese Christian Army Commander Michel Aoun and Syrian troops backed by their Muslim and leftist militia allies.

Beirut's population, which stood at 1.5 million before the fighting is now estimated to be 700,000.

blockades, and reopening of Beirut international airport. The place of the meeting of the members of Parliament will be decided after consultations that will be carried out by Al Akhdar Al Ibrahim.

■ Al Akhdar Al Ibrahim will proceed to Lebanon on Sunday Sept. 17, 1989 to start the implementation of this decision.

House collapse kills 10

Wedding tragedy

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Sept. 16, (AP): Tragedy struck at a wedding when the second-floor balcony of an old house collapsed, killing 10 people and injuring 17, a police official said today.

The official, who demanded anonymity, said the dead were three children aged 1 to 9, six women and a man. None of the injured was in critical condition, he said.

The accident occurred Thursday night in the working-class district of Karmouz in the western part of this Mediterranean seaport as residents joined in dancing and other wedding festivities on a small street.

Balconies overlooking the street were crammed with onlookers, including ululating and applauding women who joined the merrymaking as the newlyweds led a street procession.

Americans to fund Iraqi antiquities exhibition in US

BAGHDAD, Sept. 16, (AP): American businessmen are backing a big exhibition of Iraqi antiquities to tour several major cities in the United States in 1994.

President Saddam Hussein also pledged his support to the exhibition, titled "Mesopotamia: cradle of civilization," during a meeting with the businessmen in Baghdad.

An Iraqi government committee has been formed to help in organising what is expected to be the largest show of Iraqi antiquities abroad.

In America, a foundation was established by Houston bank tycoon Robert Aboud 17

months ago with several other businessmen and former government officials, including former Secretary of State William Rogers.

The executive director of the US-Iraq business forum, Mary King, visited Iraq with Aboud in June and is expected to make several other visits.

Ms King, who has been working with the Iraqis since they restored diplomatic relations with the United States in 1984, said the exhibition would help expose the American public to the history and culture of this part of the world.

Many American museums have shown interest in the project, including institutions in

Washington, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston, Ms King said.

The exhibition will be funded by American firms which are doing business in Iraq. The budget has not been disclosed.

The idea was initially floated by Nizar Hamdoun, Iraq's deputy foreign minister, when he was Baghdad's ambassador to Washington from 1984 to 1987.

Hamdoun told the Associated Press this week that the exhibition would include antiquities from the Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian eras as well as displays of Islamic and other cultures in Iraq.



Be patient, Turkey told

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal (left) shakes hands with Spanish Premier Felipe Gonzalez at Madrid's Moncloa palace.

Ozal on Friday ended a two-day visit to Spain without significant achievements.

Gonzalez said at a joint press conference with Ozal that "Spain views with sympathy but with realism" Turkey's bid to join the European Economic Community.

He called on Turkey to be patient because her admission to the EEC would take time.

Zahir to make Afghan move

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 16, (Agencies): Ex-King Zahir Shah of Afghanistan is expected to arrive in Pakistan in early November to involve himself in the Afghan peace process, it was reported today.

Mass circulation Urdu daily "Jang" quoting Western diplomats in Karachi said that during his stay in Pakistan, Zahir Shah would establish contact with mujahideen's interim government and Afghan refugee elders to seek a durable Afghan peace settlement.

From Pakistan, Zahir Shah will visit Iran to hold talks with Iran-based Afghan mujahideen groups, the newspaper said.

Zahir Shah went into exile about 17 years ago, when he was ousted by his cousin Daud following a bloodless coup.

Speculations about Zahir Shah's visit to Pakistan has been fuelled by recent reports of a meeting with him in Rome of a senior American diplomat.

Soviet Union is already in favour of Zahir Shah playing a leading role in bringing about a lasting settlement of the Afghan crisis.

However, the Peshawar-based Afghan mujahideen interim government is sharply divided on such a role by the former Afghan monarch. Out of the 7-party government four parties are vehemently opposed to Zahir Shah's induction in the peace process.

The Soviet embassy in Afghanistan yesterday came under rocket attack but nobody from the staff was hurt, Tass news agency reported.

Quoting Foreign Ministry sources, Tass said a rocket exploded 10-15 metres away from a residential house of the embassy, causing material damage.

It added that several rockets fell in close proximity to the embassy.

Two rebel rockets hit the city of Kandahar today as about 200 vehicles from a supply convoy that has been on the road since last month rolled into town.

The rockets slammed down about 80 yards (metres) from where provincial governor Gen. Noor Al Haq Ulumi was talking to reporters as the trucks arrived. No injuries were reported.

The rocket fire scattered the welcoming crowd that had been throwing garlands of cloth flowers treaded onto metalings.

The convoy's arrival also was an occasion for slaughtering a sheep — with a dull knife in front of the lead vehicle. The first dozen tires running through its blood left gory imprints on the road.

Convoy

Ulumi said almost 1,000 trucks had snaked their way across almost 1,300 kilometres (780 miles) of barren southern Afghanistan toward Kandahar. The trucks reaching the outskirts of Kandahar yesterday were the second group to arrive, Ulumi said. He said he expected more each day.

Initial government reports had said there were 1,300 vehicles in the convoy. Government sources in Kabul have said the trucks pulled out of Torgundi, on the northern border with the Soviet Union, on Aug 18.

Ulumi said the convoy included 500 military trucks, 300 civilian trucks and a brigade of armoured vehicles. He would not say how many. The convoy was carrying both ammunition and food, he said.

There were no civilian trucks or food in evidence yesterday. The trucks were flanked by 32 tanks.

While most were stacked with ammunition boxes and caked with dirt, some were empty. Ulumi said they had been unloaded earlier at a nearby garrison.

Ulumi said the ammunition should be enough to last the government troops in the area a year, depending on the extent of the fighting.

Afforestation week to be held Oct 15-21

Over 100 establishments to participate

THE General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources is planning to hold the annual afforestation week in the period from Oct 15-21. Head of the Celebrations Committee, Hussain Al Salman said that afforestation week comes in response to an Amiri initiative for expanding landscaping projects in Kuwait and converting the country into a green land.

He said that the higher organising committee headed by the authority's Chairman Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, was formed. A number of ministries and establishments are taking part in the week's celebrations.

Salman said that the main objects of the afforestation week is to highlight the efforts being made in the agricultural field.

He said that the week also aims at attracting the attention of the public towards the importance of landscaping projects, particularly beautification aspects. The week will enable the public to know the various laws and legislations issued by the government to protect plants and afforestation projects.

Invitations

The committees set up to prepare for the week's celebrations have intensified their efforts from the middle of last month, Salman said. He added that many companies and establishments have been invited to participate. So far over 100 public establishments and private companies have accepted the invitation to take part in the celebrations. He added that the

invitation is still open to other companies and establishments including those who were not contacted before. The committee is ready to accept new entries.

Awards

Salman said that the contribution of each side will differ in accordance to its working field. For example, the Ministry of Education will contribute by allocating special awareness lessons to students to explain the benefits and objects of afforestation for Kuwait. Students will contribute by planting several varieties of trees and plants in their school gardens. He said that a competition for the best school garden will be held during the week. The celebrations committee will also provide a number of awards for winners. An award will

also be provided to the best house garden in each of the five governorates. He called upon the public to pay more attention in arranging their house gardens to enter the competition.

Salman stressed that the main object of all these activities is to deepen agricultural awareness among citizens and residents and encourage them to actively contribute to the afforestation projects in the country. He appealed to all residents to plant at least one tree as a simple contribution to afforestation in Kuwait. He also said that the celebrations committee is currently studying a proposal to provide an award for the best agricultural report which actively contributes in attracting attention to the agricultural cause in Kuwait.

Nouri stresses good behaviour

Senior pupils go back to school

MORE than 20,000 intermediate and high school students returned to school yesterday to mark the start of the new scholastic year.

In a speech transmitted by Kuwait TV and Radio on the occasion of re-opening of the intermediate and secondary schools for the year 1989/90, Anwar Al Nouri, minister of education stressed on the necessity for all students to eschew high-levels of educational, moral, social and human inter-relationship based on honesty and due respect to be accorded to their teachers.

He went on to comment that preserving school buildings, inter-related facilities and text books are considered to be issues related to good morals. From an issue of honesty, the official said that the ministry is carrying out an informational campaign directed towards eradicating the unwholesome phenomena of cheating at exams. The ministry is determined to exert every effort in this direction to protect the social interests of society and uphold Islamic values. He called on parents of students to strengthen their ties and relations with school authorities and teachers because the family's role is paramount in integrating the school's functions and achieving the desired goals.

Smooth

Meanwhile, all teachers and principals went into "high-gear" to facilitate the smooth organising of school activities on the first day of school — especially to make first time entrants feel at ease in their new school surroundings. All transportation facilities, books and other requirements were readily available and no complaints were received by educational areas from the headmaster of schools related to work procedures or other requirements. The smooth functioning of activities has been attributed by sources to the early preparations for the new scholastic year which in fact began as early as at the end of the academic year 1988/89.

To facilitate the movement of traffic, police manned all roads beginning from 5.30 am. Their efforts were co-ordinated by a helicopter provided by the Ministry of Defence to avoid traffic jams at most roads and areas as a result of over 500,000 pupils simultaneously going to schools. Co-ordination has been excellent among all patrols of the governorates and traffic signals have



School is such a drag... these young boys look their scruffy best even though the day had not yet started. Photo by Amer Jadeed.



Attendance time girls! A teacher calls out names to make sure the right student ends up in the right class. Photo by Haltham Morshed.

been programmed to facilitate traffic movement. In a further move designed to maintain the smooth-flow of traffic during peak school hours, traffic police will be increased in certain areas which are expected to witness congestion, official sources said. Meanwhile, Education Minis-

try Undersecretary, Abdul-Rahman Al Khudari expected that televised educational programmes may be shown to students during the current academic year. Khudari expressed satisfaction over the positive response obtained by the Ministry of Information which expressed

its readiness to provide the proper timing to show the educational programmes on Kuwait TV. He added that a senior Information Ministry official will be attending the activities of the week. Kuwait TV's band will also take part in activities of the week, he said.

'Kuwait in Paris' to open Sept 20

THE Ministry of Information has completed all preparations to organise the Kuwaiti cultural and informational week in Paris from Sept 20 to 28. The week will be held under the slogan "Kuwait in Paris" and will be on at the time HH the Amir visits France on Sept 25 on an invitation from the President of France, Francois Mitterrand.

The ministry has concerted all of its technical and physical abilities to make this week a success. The week is being held for the first time in Paris at the premises of Arab World Institute. The Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad will leave for Paris tomorrow at the head of a Kuwaiti cultural and informational delegation to inaugurate the exhibition.

Arrangements

Meanwhile, the Assistant Undersecretary at the ministry for Foreign Information Ridha Al-Feeli who is supervising the final arrangements of the week in Paris, has said that the ministry has issued three informational posters that will be distributed in Paris to declare the week. One of these posters shows the head of Alexander the Great, showing the historic civilisation of Kuwait, while the other two posters show the significant effects of Kuwaiti participation in this week. He added that first group of youths who will take part in activities of the week have already arrived in Paris. These youth represent Islamic Antiquities House, National Museum, KISR and some photographers. The other groups will fly to Paris in the coming two days, he said.

Feeli pointed out that a large cultural show will be held for the first time at the theatre of the Arab World Institute in which a number of Kuwaiti artists will participate. The Al Amiri band and students of the Higher Music Institute will introduce the show that will last for 20 minutes. The show will be attended by senior officials who will attend the activities of the week. Kuwait TV's band will also take part in activities of the week, he said.

Student density in private schools high

No new foreign schools allowed

By Qasem Nayel

THE assistant undersecretary for private education Dr Yaqoob Al-Sharrah has said that all educational requisites have been carefully provided to private schools, both Arab and foreign.

He told Arab Times (Al-Sayassah) that private education in Kuwait is diverse and parents had ample choice to decide what type of education they wanted their children to receive. He commented that only qualified students are welcome at these schools which implement firm admission policies.

There are 320 private schools in Kuwait which contain a total 140,000 students equally distributed among classes in a bid to ensure the best ambience for the educational process.

This year, witnessed intensive preparations for the upcoming new academic year, which included meetings with principals of the private schools intended to discuss the requisites and requirements of students and schools.

Special stress was laid on the students density in classes, and the need to admit only qualified students into schools and those meeting admission standards.

Discipline

Other topics discussed included the deployment of adequate principals in these schools to supervise the return of students to schools and abidance by the disciplinary code.

The official highlighted the role played by the private education in rendering diverse education to students from various communities residing in Kuwait. He described the role as complementary to that played by the ministry, particularly since this sector received due government attention and support and was provided with all necessary facilities to ensure the well-being of the teaching process.

Certain private schools still use their old buildings which have not been renovated or developed, over the years, since their establishment, the official said, and urged owners to upgrade and remodel their school buildings to keep pace with urban progress.

He said it was still a matter pending further consideration to start allocating old government schools as private schools. Another notion is the proposed distribution of allocated areas where private school buildings could be constructed. However,



Sharrah... pre-requisites.

the matter remained pending deliberations and final decision.

Despite constant construction of new private school buildings, indications show a steady growth of students, where the effort to keep students density rates in classes in line with the ministerial decision figures, namely 32-36 is rather a bit difficult to maintain.

This is attributable to a number of factors, which included the population density in the residential area where the school in question was located, and the number of schools in the particular area.

In certain areas the number of students in one class could reach as many as 40, which the ministry would allow on grounds of shortage in the total number of schools in that area. In high-density areas, such as Jahra and Surrah, where the number of schools remained below par, student population inside a classroom could reach 45-50.

The government provided an extra financial aid to schools where students population exceeded 36 per classroom. The onus for this increase resided with the school itself, although the ministry followed with concern the students density figures at all schools through the archives.

He emphasised the ministry's concern for ensuring smooth progress and high results for the educational progress, pointing out that over-crowded classrooms would always place the output of the educational process in jeopardy and reflected negatively on the students interaction with their teachers.

Charges

Despite the clearly visible bad effects, parents have no choice but accept the situation on account of personal mitigating

circumstances. He reaffirmed that the scale of tuition had already been stabilised and fixed by a ministerial decision. Parents who believe that they have been overcharged were strongly urged to report their grievances to the ministry. Appropriate action will be initiated, the official said.

Schools will accept small fees for reserving seats for students, and that payment could be settled by instalments spread over a period of six to seven months with the approval of the individual school.

The ministry would not accept attempts by any school at forcing parents to pay the full amount of the tuition fee on one occasion, or raise the amount of the instalments contrary to that already agreed and fixed by the ministry.

Sharrah emphasised that the foreign education services rendered by foreign private schools in the country were highly efficient and congruent with the educational system applied in their respective countries. Therefore, students graduating from these schools could easily and competently apply for a seat at any international university with guaranteed acceptance.

No new foreign schools were permitted to be established and the reasons was the adequacy of the existing number of these schools. So, despite international requirements, he added, the ministry would not allow the establishment of new foreign schools.

It is worth noting that the population percentage of foreign students in the country is around 10 per cent. The ministry has been monitoring the number of foreign students since the year 1979/80, despite the apparent increase and steady growth of students which, although maintained a slow pace, continues as the government continues to reduce the number of incoming expatriate workforce.

The ministry had, in a bid to redress the population percentage, suspended the provision of facilities given to students with no defined national identity, and consequently no such students were allowed to register at schools, he said.

Certain private schools offered no recreational or activity programmes for their students as a piece of extracurricular services, which was mainly because of space limitations. However, this does not jeopardise the educational process, the official said.

Unpaid telephone bills

Ministry files 7,240 cases

MINISTRY of Communications Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Affairs, Jassem Al-Wazzan said yesterday that no section of the public is exempted from paying telephone bills. But he added that due to some social considerations, the Council of Ministers has exempted heirs of dead people from paying telephone bills provided the inheritance they receive is not enough. He added that this usually comes through the Public Authority for Minors after conducting the necessary research.

Wazzan said that the Ministry of Communications has filed over 7,240 cases during the past two fiscal years 88/89 and 87/88 on subscribers who failed to pay the telephone bills to the ministry. He said that about 3,080 cases were filed in the period from July 1st 88 to June 30, 89 and the rest were filed between July 1st 87 to June 30, 88.

Wazzan said that the ministry calls the subscriber several times asking him to pay the bills. If he fails, the ministry sends him a letter asking him to pay the due bills or the ministry will cut off the service. If he fails again to respond, the ministry calls him again and provides him a period of 3-7 days to pay. After that, the ministry cuts off the service and refers the matter to legal affairs to file the necessary case.

Wazzan added that if the subscriber wishes to restore the service, he has to contact the ministry and after payment of the due bills, has to pay KD5 for restoring the service. He stressed that subscribers who fail to pay within 60 days from cutting off the line, will get their lines cut off permanently and in

this case they have to apply a new telephone line and this can be provided only after paying old debts.

On facilitating the payment of big amounts, Wazzan said that instalments are accepted in very exceptional cases and the ministry does not play at present to accept a third party guarantee, like commercial companies, in paying the telephone bills. He added that the ministry at present accepts instalments only at the main building, and may allow telephone exchanges to accept the instalments in the future.

Instalments

He said that there are no general rules for accepting the due amounts in instalments, stressing that each case is studied individually and considerations like the amount, period of delay and the private conditions of the subscriber are taken into account. He added that in all cases, the subscriber is required to pay one fourth of the amount as the first payment and the remaining amount can be paid over a period of one year. He stressed that in all cases, the overseas service is cut off from each people until they complete the payments of the due bills.

The projected revenues of the ministry in the current fiscal year is KD283,240,000 which includes KD78,300,000 from telephones and telegrams and KD4,940,000 from post department. The amount expected from foreign calls is KD44 million, telex KD7 million, telephone subscription KD17,975,000 and the rest through other services. He added that the stamps sales during the current fiscal year are estimated at KD3.3 million.

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KUWAIT, Sept 16, (Kuna): The chairman of International Islamic Charity Organisation, Yussef Al-Haji will fly to Egypt next Monday to attend the meetings of Islamic International Council for call and relief.

Haji told Kuna that he will participate in the general assembly sessions due to be held September 20-22 and will be headed by Al-Azhar Mufti Jadel Haq.

He further said that the council was set up last year comprising 34 associations and Awqaf (endowment) ministries.

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Water tender

A TENDER for transport of irrigation water from Iraq will be invited early next year, and the water transport project will be implemented from the Iraqi town of Al-Harithah, according to a Seyassah report.

The daily went on to say that arrangements for the proposed tender were currently in progress, and that contacts were also going on between Kuwaiti and Iraqi officials to hold a meeting in Kuwait soon to discuss details of this project.

The paper added that the meeting was expected to yield added momentum to the proposed transport of irrigation and domestic water from Iraq to Kuwait.

The paper also said that the Ministry of Electricity and Water was currently considering a consultant study prepared for this purpose by a French consultancy firm Sikoria, and that another study would also be considered on the project stage two.

PAAET to organise technical conference

24 papers to be introduced

A CONFERENCE on technical education will be organised from October 1 to 24 at the Regency Palace, Ghollum Al Attar, director of Society Service Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training said.

The conference is entitled "Technical Education for All in 1992" and will be an ideal opportunity to exchange concepts on methodologies to encourage all people in Kuwait to avail of technical education and

improve their job opportunities along with being of some self-technical service.

The official said that the authority has assigned 1992 to be the beginning of a continued applied education programme for all categories of individuals (illiterate, semi-educated and those holding degrees) and appealed to the public at large to participate in the discussions of the conference and its sessions. To make it convenient for participants to attend, the

courses have been scheduled to be held in the evenings.

Study

The authority had conducted a study among 4,000 individuals who elicited their opinions about the society's service programmes and courses. This study was conducted two years ago and indicated that 76 per cent of those interviewed were in favour of the idea of such courses —

specially courses related to applied technology that improve the living standards and income of students.

Several professional Arab and foreign personalities concerned with society services and continuous education will participate in the conference. A total of 24 papers will be introduced, including summaries of 100 researches relating to professional and applied education for the public.

Sheikh Saad meets Birendra

KUWAIT, Sept 16, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah this evening called on the King Birendra of Nepal at his residence in Al Salam palace.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Trade and Industry and head of the honorary mission Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khaled.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad also called on the Nepalese king. The meeting was also attended by Al Khaled.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, Sept 16, (Kuna): HH the Amir received at 11.00 am today the Senegalese presidential envoy who delivered a message from President Abdou Diouf to His Highness the Amir.

HH also received Acting Director General of Kuwait Municipality Sheikh Sabah Jaber Al Ali, Member of the Higher Planning Council Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al Salem, Secretary General of the Higher Planning Council Fuad, Mulla Hussein and the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Kuwait Latif Sharifuddin and the Ambassador of Finland to Kuwait on the occasion of their appointment here.

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Screwworm presence in Kuwait disclaimed

Salmiya residents report sighting

By Ali Al Masoudi

CONTROLLER of Prevention and Treating services at the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Dr. Mohammed Wael Al Muhannad has said that laboratory tests conducted on the flies that recently invaded Salmiya area confirmed that it is not the dangerous "screwworm" species that was reported in the past to have infected animals and humans in Libya.

Recently, residents of Salmiya area reported seeing a fly similar in characteristics to the American Screwworm *Cochliomyia hominivorax* which is double the size of the common housefly with a greenish coloured body and an orange or reddish head.

These flies are abundant in tropical areas of the Americas and mostly appear between May and November. Some Salmiya residents have succeeded in catching some of the invading flies and have claimed that they are indeed the Screwworm.

Commenting, Muhannad said that so far there has been no positive indications confirming that the Screwworm had in fact penetrated into Kuwait. "None of the accredited health quarantine departments in Kuwait reported any cases of infections caused by the Screwworm," Muhannad added.

Nevertheless, the official disclosed that all veterinary centres have been alerted to be vigilant against these flies and all necessary measures have been instituted to meet any such eventuality. Authorities have mobilised all necessary insecticides and personnel to prevent the larvae of the American Screwworms from entering Kuwaiti borders. Specific instructions to be extra vigilant and in "a state of alert" for these flies have also been issued to all border quarantines, Muhannad said.



The American Screwworm *Cochliomyia hominivorax*

He appealed to the public to immediately inform the authority on seeing or even suspecting the presence of the dangerous Screwworms. He stressed on the importance of ensuring that imported animals are free of injuries or wounds through which eggs and larvae of screwworms can be present and pose the threat of spreading the infections. He warned the public against helping animals deliver their offspring and advised calling for veterinary doctors to assist in such deliveries.

Muhannad speaking on the danger posed by this fly, said that the female screwworm lays 4,000 eggs — normally around wounds of warm-blooded animals and navels of newly born offspring. They also infect lacerations in the nose and pharynx and infections to animals, by worm-shaped larvae penetrating into the body could in some cases travel to the brain causing brain cell damage, bleeding and death.

The eggs begin hatching after one day and eat the flesh of their host, killing about one-fifth of their victims. These flies feed on tissues of the animals and cause bacterial infections. A bad odour emanates from these wounds. After a week, the larvae fall to the

ground and mature into full grown flies which immediately begin laying eggs. The life cycle is 24 days and the female dies after laying the eggs. Eggs can be prevented from being laid if the male is sprayed with proper insecticides.

According to official reports, the first infection of the year by the fly, which until 1988 was unknown outside North and South America, was detected in livestock in the Tripoli area on May 25. What is still puzzling to health officials is the issue of how the flies managed to cross the Atlantic to begin breeding in Libya. However, it has been ascertained that these flies are capable of flying over 50 kms each day.

According to past reports from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome, these flies attacked between 2,000 to 3,000 domestic animals in northwest Libya.

FAO said at that time the unexplained spread of the pest to Libya could have serious consequence for livestock, wildlife and even humans in Africa, the Middle East and southern Europe.

The Arab Times, about three months ago, had raised the issue of special measures taken up by Kuwaiti authorities to eradicate a possible influx of the deadly, flesh-eating American parasite threatening man and beast in the Middle East, Europe and Africa and at that time said to have been emerging from "hibernation" in Libya.

Commenting on that report, Dr Sultan Al Sultan, head of the Animal Health Department had denied that these worms had entered Kuwait. However, at that time, the official did not rule out the possibility of their arriving in Kuwait and had said that the agricultural authority had taken all preventive measures to face any possible encounter.

GCC health ministers to meet in Oman

By Mahmoud Moral

ARAB Gulf Health Ministers Secretariat General will hold its meeting next month, the daily Al Sayassah quoted Arab Gulf health sources as saying. The meeting which will take place in Muscat, will discuss co-operation among the member states related to controlling and eradicating malaria.

The secretariat general group comprises representatives from Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Oman and Iraq.

The official quoted the director of Infectious Diseases Hospital Dr Abdulaziz Al Enizi as saying that the Kuwait health authorities had since the beginning of the year and up to the end of last July discovered about 21 meningitis cases among 16 males and five females.

Some cases occurred in Kuwait while the others were contracted from abroad. There were 13 meningitis cases in 1988 compared to 26 cases in 1987.

Speaking of the inoculation process in the schools, the official said that there was co-ordination in this respect between the Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Education. The first vaccination campaign against meningitis in the country's schools started in 1987/1988. But for the new academic year, no action in this respect was taken as all the relevant indications confirm that there are no epidemic diseases, the official said.

However, the committee will hold its meeting tomorrow under the chairmanship of the assistant undersecretary for Public Health Affairs Dr Ali Al Saif to discuss appropriate measures.

Speaking of the regional conference which took place recently in Damascus, Enizi who represented Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health said it was devoted to discussing the meningitis issue and had been held at the request of the Mediterranean Health Organisation.

Enizi submitted a complete report about the disease in Kuwait and the Ministry of Public Health efforts to eradicate this menace.

Report

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Public Health published its annual report of health statistics for the year 1988.

The report consists of four parts covering developments at hospitals, health centres and technical staff working at the ministry from 1979 until 1988. Another feature of the report presented general statistics on hospitals during the same period and other detailed statistics for area hospitals. It covered statistics on diseases at hospitals including infectious diseases reported by clinics and hospitals. Another section of the report included data on private hospitals and clinics statistics, distribution of population according to health areas and tables on health indicators during 79-1988.

The report stated that for each 1,000 population there were 1.36 doctors in 1979. Meanwhile, in 1988 the number of doctors increased to 1.48. Each doctor in Kuwait treated 734 patients in 1979 and 675 patients in 1988.

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Official reception for King Birendra

THE King of Nepal Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Deva yesterday called on HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah at Bayan Palace where he was accorded an official reception by HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Commander of the National Guard, ministers, senior state officials and dean of the diplomatic corps.

Following the ceremony, official talks started between the Nepalese and Kuwaiti sides co-chaired by King Birendra and the Amir.

Minister of the Amiri Drwan Affairs stated that the talks were conducted in a cordial and amicable atmosphere characterised by understanding, adding that they dwell on bilateral ties between the

two friendly countries and means of developing them in various fields.

Later, King Birendra and his entourage visited Kuwait National Museum and the Islamic House of Antiquities.

The royal guest was accompanied by Minister of Commerce and Industry and head of the honorary mission, Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khaled.

In the evening, the Amir of Kuwait hosted a dinner at Bayan Palace in honour of the Nepalese King and the accompanying delegation.

King Birendra and the accompanying delegation arrived Friday night on a 3-day state visit to Kuwait.

Food security

Call to establish agriculture ministry

GENERAL Secretary of the Agricultural Engineers Society, Mohammed Abdul Rahman Al Fayed called for establishing an agricultural ministry in Kuwait and urged for more support for the agricultural sector. Re-evaluating conditions of agricultural engineers according to employment benefits of other engineering specialties is a logical and essential project which the society seeks to achieve, the official said.

Interviewed by a local daily, Fayed stated that the activities of the society include organising conferences, symposiums and professional training courses. He said that the society publishes a monthly agricultural magazine and had just finished presenting a television programme which is now being presented under the supervision of the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries.

One of the main initiatives of the society is preparing a study on evaluating the agricultural situation

in Kuwait. The study deals with the problems related to resolving problems at different local agricultural sectors.

He indicated that the study was presented to the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries adding that the society is currently preparing a study on Kuwait's future agricultural situation at the request of the Arab Engineers Union.

Looking at Kuwait's food security situation, Fayed stressed that there is a great possibility of achieving this goal through supporting local agriculture by applying protective measures against imports. He stated that the agricultural security crisis in Kuwait is due to lack of good planning and interaction among relevant authorities.

The General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries has adopted the afforestation project in full and established a specialised department to run the project, Fayed said.

Residents warned on dud cheques

THE public relations department of the Interior Ministry has warned of the serious consequences from the increase of cases of dud cheques reported recently. The department said in a statement that these cases are increasing despite severe punishments against defendants and despite informational campaigns conducted by the ministry.

According to statistics of the planning and information department at the Interior Ministry, cases of dud cheques increased from 2,399 in 1987 to 2,497 last year. In the first six months of this year 1,680 cases were cited statistics added.

The Ministry of Interior's report showed that 36 cases of dud cheques were reported in the period from 8 to 13/9/1989. The total value of these cheques is KD155,114. The ministry said that these cases are considered by law as crimes and not misdemeanours.

Meanwhile, personnel of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at Jahra Governorate arrested a Kuwaiti national identified as Nawaf T. on charges of committing several thefts. Two cars reportedly stolen along with other valuables were reportedly recovered from the accused. The defendant was referred to investigation authorities who confirmed that he had five previous misdemeanours.



Thief arrested

Detectives of Jahra Governorate arrested Khalifa A., Kuwaiti for committing 17 thefts by breaking and entering homes, and stealing money and jewellery. The convict confessed that he had committed the crimes with the help of Khalid M., Kuwaiti and Ghanem A. non-Kuwaiti. All the accused were referred to the investigation authorities.



The Syndicate ... nostalgia for Goa.

Syndicate enthralled its audience

Evening of fun at IAC

THE SYNDICATE, billed as Goa's foremost band, lived up to their reputation as they sent thrills of excitement through a full house at a live concert at the Indian Arts Auditorium at Funaites on Friday.

It is said that music runs through the veins of Goans and nowhere was it more evident than at the concert as the highly talented Joe Gomes had the audience spellbound with a fine selection of pop and rock songs.

Earlier, the Top Ranks opened the show with their characteristic showmanship. Right from their smart outfits to the stick instruments, they never disappointed although they could have done with better audience participation. Their guest singer, Farida, in the duet "Endless Love" with Adoff had a mesmerising effect on the audience. It is a pity they did not continue a while longer.

Another community that has a tremendous talent in Western music are the Filipinos and it was a welcome sight to have three members of this community provide a soothing effect to the ears from the 800 watts output of the live bands with a fine rendition of pop songs to minus one music. Andy, with his rich and mellow voice and Stella and Yolly with their superb combination, received an appreciative applause from the audience.

The Syndicate, off stage, are an unassuming and friendly lot hardly giving the impression of the boundless talent they possess. On stage, there is a dramatic transformation. With a towering stage personality and a gifted voice, Joe builds an instant rapport with the crowd. Diogo, the jovial bassist, is probably the most talented musician in Goa in his line. Constance Diniz is a wizard with the keyboards and synthesizer. Francis is a master of the drums and his brother Francis is superb on the lead guitar. They all lend their voices to the band whenever called

upon to do so. Together they make up the Syndicate and if they keep up the teamwork, are bound to go places.

Next to step in were the Stepping Stones and they seemed to know exactly how to get the audience in the mood. Aggie at the mike was at his best and with the power he puts into his songs and the fantastic backing of the band, they soon had the audience swaying and clapping with them. Many would have loved to rock in aisles but everyone kept a sharp eye on the tight security. Their beautiful rendition of the Simon & Garfunkel hit "The Boxer" brought back fond memories of a bygone era.

The Syndicate have entertained thousands of people in Goa including hundreds of overseas tourists. Their professionalism was never in doubt. Their rendition of Lorna's Konkani hit "Calanguchea Praer" with Paul providing the lead vocals, had the crowd wild with screams for more. The Goans in the audience were mentally transported to their beautiful land with nostalgic memories of walks at Calangute in the moonlight and sipping feni at the quaint taverns until the church bells ring to say goodnight.

The show was ably compered by that popular face from Kuwait Television, Aadeb Shauber, who seems to have won a place in the hearts of Goans with his presence at several of their functions.

The Syndicate have been highly pleased with their Kuwait trip and were all praise for the organisers, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, for not only making their trip possible, but also for their overwhelming treatment. Next, the Syndicate travel to the country of Joe's birth, Bahrain, where another Goa organisation has arranged an entertainment programme.

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refugees

German resettlers

THE 12,000 or so East Germans who fled to West Germany this week have so little in common with the rest of the world's displaced that it seems strange to use the word "refugee" to describe them.

Arriving in one of the richest countries on earth by private car or air-conditioned bus, they are worlds away from the starving Sudanese trekking from civil war or desperate Vietnamese braving the South China Sea in leaky boats.

The prompt offers of jobs and housing would seem like a dream to all the Afghans and Cambodians who fled from fighting in their countries a decade ago and have been languishing in crowded camps of mud-brick houses or bamboo huts ever since.

And yet the newcomers share two crucial experiences with the rest of the world's 15 million refugees — they have fled political systems they could not tolerate and left behind a home they cannot replace.

Reflecting on their fate, the newcomers are not quite sure themselves whether they are refugees, "resettlers" as Bonn's bureaucracy calls them, or a strange German hybrid.

"We are refugees because we came out illegally, without visas, and we had to leave everything behind to a system which we had broken with," Lutz, a cook from Eisenach, said in a tented camp for East German refugees at Vilshofen near Passau.

"We're Germans who were born on the wrong side," Mario, a cabinet maker from Zwickau, argued. "We feel like resettlers."

"It would describe myself as someone who moved from one part of the country to another," said bricklayer Roberto from Karl-Marx-Stadt. "It's weird how one country is so split."

Citizenship

The new arrivals, part of over 100,000 East Germans expected to emigrate here this year, are automatically given West German citizenship. They have been flooded with job offers that should soon put them on their way to success.

They get 250 marks (\$125) in "welcoming money," can live in refugee centres until they find housing and can apply for normal unemployment benefits if they do not get work.

With German thoroughness, the state treats them as if they had lived here all their lives, recognising school and work credentials, exempting ex-soldiers from military duty, paying full old-age pensions and compensation for goods left behind.

"There are certainly not many refugees in the world who have those opportunities," said Raymond Hall, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva.

Other ethnic Germans arriving here from Eastern Europe — about 300,000 this year — enjoy the state benefits but almost none of the public sympathy the East Germans have aroused.

By contrast, most of 363,000 Sudanese who fled their civil war had to walk for three months through swamps and semi-arid bush to arrive like walking skeletons in western Ethiopia.

Once there, they had to build their own grass thatched huts and got only simple rations of maize, beans and vegetable oil. Medical care is basic, schooling almost unknown.

The world's biggest refugee group — six million Afghans left their native hills in donkey and camel caravans almost 10 years ago to wait out Kabul's war against the mujahideen (Islamic warriors) on the hot plains of Pakistan and Iran.

Some brought worn carpets and family jewellery with them, others carried little and lost even more as land mines near the border blew off a foot or killed their only pack horse.

Cambodia's infamous Khmer Rouge force refugees in their camps to carry ammunition and supplies back into their country to help fight Vietnamese troops.

The Khmer Rouge, who ruled in Phnom Penh for a murderous 3-1/2 years before Hanoi invaded, control about 80,000 of the 400,000 refugees packed into fenced-in camps of thatched bamboo huts along Thailand's border with Cambodia.

Most arrived in the malaria-ridden border area with only small pouches of goods, maybe some rice and a sheet of plastic to shield them from the monsoon rains.

Vietnamese boat people arriving in Hong Kong also face what refugee workers politely call "compassion fatigue."

The British colony introduced tough screening procedures last year to weed out "economic" from "political" refugees.

Camps

Only 14,000 of the 56,000 boat people now crammed into jail-like camps or living in sheds or converted pigsties on a remote island are considered true refugees. The rest risk being forcibly repatriated.

Hong Kong has no German-style welcome for fellow Cantonese sneaking into the colony — they are handed back through the border's heavy fences on a daily basis. Most only seek work and officials say political cases are treated differently.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1497 — British rebels under Perkin Warbeck attempt taking Exeter.

1595 — Pope Clement VII absolves Henry VI and recognizes him as king of France.

1631 — France signs Treaty of Rastatt with emperor of Morocco.

1665 — Great bubonic plague breaks out in London.

1730 — Ahmet XII is deposed, and is succeeded by Mahmoud I in Turkey.

1787 — US constitution is signed.

1900 — Proclamation of Commonwealth of Australia as federal union of the six colonies.

1935 — Manuel Quezon is elected first president of the Philippine commonwealth.

1948 — Sweden's Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator in Arab-Israeli conflict over Palestine, is slain near Jerusalem by Jewish terrorists and is succeeded by Dr Ralph Bunche of the United States.

1949 — Fire destroys Noronic, largest passenger steamer on Great Lakes, at Toronto (Canada) pier, killing more than 130 people.

1963 — Malaysia breaks off diplomatic relations with Indonesia because of what it describes as President Sukarno's increased hostility.

1964 — United States discloses development of two weapons systems capable of intercepting and destroying armed satellites circling the earth.

1967 — Riot during soccer game in Turkey kills 42 people and injures 600 others.

1970 — Open warfare erupts in Jordan between King Hussein's Army and Palestinian commandos, precipitating world crisis.

1978 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin conclude meeting at Camp David (US) with signing of framework for Middle East peace.

1980 — Exiled Nicaraguan leader Anastasio Somoza is assassinated in explosion that wrecks his car in Asuncion, Paraguay.

1988 — Burmese troops open fire on crowd of angry demonstrators who surround downtown government building.

Some Lebanese live it up

Thousands have fled fierce shelling

IMAN Batal clustered her whimpering, hungry children around her beside their makeshift tent and said: "We only eat meat in our dreams."

The family is among the tens of thousands of people who have fled Beirut in six months of fierce shelling between Christian and Syrian forces. They live hand-to-mouth in squalid camps in south Lebanon and the mountains northeast of the city, their ragged tents fashioned from blankets and plastic sheets.

But in the fashionable ski resorts in the mountains that have largely escaped the carnage, well-heeled Beirut Christians with Ferraris and Porsches cavort by swimming pools and pack the nightclubs.

In Faraya, 19 miles (30 kms) northeast of Beirut, many pay \$8,000 to lease luxury chalets for six months.

But most are not so lucky.

Elie Haddad and his family have spent the last four months in a shelter of nylon sheets, cardboard and tree branches at a camp near the St Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church in the mountains.

Haddad, his wife and their five children, ages 4 to 11, watched helplessly when their shelter, on a rock-studded hillside overlooking vineyards, was demolished by torrential unseasonal rains a few days ago.

"What are we going to do when the rainy season starts?" Mrs Haddad lamented.

Police estimate about 1.35 million of Beirut's 1.5 million residents have abandoned their homes in the shell-battered city during the last few months, fleeing the battles in which 850 people have been killed and 2,500 wounded.

Many rich Muslims have left for Syria or other countries; the route of Damascus is less hazardous than the nerve-wrecking boat trip from Jounieh port that Christians have to make to go abroad.

Many refugees have moved in with relatives and friends, or rented apartments — or anything in mosques, churches, schools, empty buildings and fields.

The Haddads fled their home in the Ashrafiyeh neighbourhood, close to Beirut's dividing Green Line and one of the worst-hit Christian districts, because their apartment block had no bomb shelter.

"Now we're refugees in our own country," Haddad said.

Despite their perilous situation, the Haddads and other Christian families around the church at Innaya are better off than many other refugees. The church has provided outdoor latrines, fresh water and some food.

Haddad is a police officer, who reports for duty every couple of days. He's luckier than many like him because he gets paid regularly and can buy food and other essentials.

Batal, a Sunni Muslim, is penniless, with 11 mouths to feed. He worked at a tile factory until it closed four months ago because there was no electricity and few employees were showing up because of the shelling.

"We've sold our washing machine, the television set and the refrigerator to buy food," Mrs Batal said. "We've nothing else to sell. Most of our belongings were smashed in the bombardment. Now the money's run out."

The Batalis live with 1,500 other Beirutis on the banks of the Awali river, 25 miles (40 kms) south of the capital. They fled there two months ago after their apartment in the Ein Meisseh district of Muslim West Beirut was hit by a 155mm Christian shell.

For many around the Awali, this is catastrophe revisited. They were among a half-million Muslims who fled Beirut during Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Batal watches in despair as his children, ages 1 to 10, barefooted and clad in soiled, tattered clothes, go hungry in the miserable camp just north of Sidon.

Their most acute problem is lack of water. There is only one faucet for about 300 families. There also are no latrines. Some of the refugees use a toilet in a nearby gas station, when the owners allow them.

Mostly they use the sluggish, shallow Awali for everything. They urinate in it, bathe in it, drink its water and wash their clothes and cooking utensils in it.

Others have built makeshift toilet cubicles, using cardboard boxes around a hole in the ground. When one hole is filled, they dig another. The stench of human excrement and piles of garbage pervade the camp.

Mrs Batal said she has worn the same clothes she had on when she fled Beirut.

"I take a bath, fully clothed, in the river," she said, boiling a pan full of potatoes, the only food many of the refugees can get, over an open fire. Her hungry children huddled around her.



An old woman passes by a shell-pocked building in Muslim west Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

Michel Dufour, chief of the International Committee of the Red Cross team in Lebanon, said his group has supplied medicine to clinics in south Lebanon to treat skin problems among refugees.

"We haven't yet found any cases of typhoid, but the danger is there because the river has become a health hazard," he said.

The Red Cross also has handed out food, blankets, kitchen sets and cleaning materials. A sanitation engineer was recently sent from Geneva.

But that aid, bolstered by food and blankets supplied by Muslim and Christian militias, is woefully inadequate.

The exodus from Beirut has sent prices soaring in regions like south Lebanon. A two-room unfurnished apartment in Sidon, south of the Awali, rented for \$50 a month before March. Now it costs \$400.

Prices of bread, meat and vegetables have doubled in recent months. A grocer in Sidon said 100 kg (220 pounds) of sugar took seven months to sell before March. Now, with swollen demand, it goes in three days.

The influx of refugees has antagonized the people of the south, mostly Shiite Muslims, who have to pay the same inflated prices.

The conservative southerners also are offended by mini-skirted Beirut girls in the streets of Sidon and Tyre and the freewheeling big-city lifestyle of the refugees who have taken over hotels and apartment blocks.

"These visitors must respect the social traditions of this region," a Sunni clergyman in the village of Mazboud declared. "Women must be decently dressed in line with Muslim custom. Our young men are not accustomed to the way of life in the big city."

The wealthy Christians packing Faraya and other mountain resorts north of Beirut don't have that problem. They live like there's no tomorrow, as they did in Beirut's heyday before the civil war broke out in 1975.

Faraya's four hotels and five blocks of furnished apartments are jammed with wealthy Christians in designer outfits who spend their days swimming or playing tennis, then partying all night at such establishments as the Ouragon, one of Lebanon's ritziest spots.

Most are businessmen who opted to head for the hills and still maintain contact with their enterprises, rather than flee to Europe or the United States like many other Christians.

Letters to the Editor

Hatred towards India

SIR: Here comes a Japanese with biased hatred towards India (Letter AT Sept 14.)

Confucius, the ancient Chinese sage, said: "Don't complain about the snow on your neighbour's roof when your own doorstep is dirty."

India is a peaceful non-aligned country with no history of war-mongering, war-crimes and sadistic brutality when compared to the Japanese record.

Nagayama seems unaware of the Rape of Nanking, in which two hundred thousand Chinese were massacred, or of Manchuria where the Japanese Imperial Army froze ten thousand to death for purely experimental purposes.

What about Pearl Harbour attack which was a sudden, cowardly massacre? The Japanese set out to conquer the whole of Asia and slaughtered millions cruelly in the process. Japan sided with Hitler and Mussolini and all three provided to the grand total of fifty million dead during the World War II.

Most of Asia would still be brutally enslaved today and many of us dead if the United States had not intervened.

But Nagayama can't be aware of all this because the Japanese government altered the school text books in a brazen attempt to change history and cover up their war crimes. Hence his holier than thou attitude.

Japanese greed and gluttony is destructive to the world and to its inhabitants. Japan continues to slaughter whales, dolphins, and other sea mammals despite international protests that these species are being wiped out.

Japanese fishing ships are virtual cannery factories, which catch, cook, can and sell tinned fish and pet foods. Now these very same fishermen have laid thousands of miles of drift nets on the oceans to catch anything that moves in order to stuff their bulging coffers.

By the end of this century life in the sea will become a rarity, thanks to Japan. Even the forests will be wiped out because of their rising need for packaging.

In a recent poll conducted in the United States

sixty seven per cent of the respondents said they had more to fear from Japan and its unfair trade practices than from war with Russia and its Warsaw Pact allies. Shocking but true!

Nagayama should divert his excessive zeal and energies towards changing his country's negative policies, rather than sticking his nose in other countries' regional affairs.

He will not only do his country a service, he will also do a great service for the posterity of all mankind.

Clancy Rehella,
Kuwait.

Can Mr Mani help?

SIR: It is heartening to note that at least now K. M. Mani — the veteran Kerala politician who is presently in Kuwait on a 3-day visit — feels that Air-India is charging exorbitant fare on its Gulf/Trivandrum sector — an issue the expatriate Keralites were harping on vainly for years together. Thanks for his sympathetic statement and understanding.

Expatriates in Kuwait have in the past heard so many visiting leaders and dignitaries expressing similar opinion on various issues and assuring, with apparent sincerity, their best co-operation to get the grievances redressed at the hands of the appropriate authorities. Regrettably, most of these assurances also got airborne along with the returning visitor.

Expression of sympathy, making statements and opinions are all welcome. However, we are used to such things back to home and are aware that it will not be the manifest problems that are causing pain and anguish to the expatriates.

Frankly, it is action that is needed — discernible real action on legitimate grievances. An unfortunately, this exactly is what is lacking.

I wonder how best Mr Mani can help. Perhaps he could set a new approach by co-ordinating with the United Malayalee Organisation (who recently got into limelight by making Air-India bring down to a flat rate of KD 100 the charges for carrying corpses to India) to get his hands strengthened and to keep the expatriate community apprised of the progress,

be it good or bad.

Secondly, an Indian citizen, just because he happens to be a non-resident (the one who earns the precious foreign exchange for his country) is deprived of the fundamental rights to exercise his franchise as guaranteed under the constitution of India. This is a bad law and is a long debated subject tending to evade fruitful results under normal pressure. An amendment to the constitution seems to be the right remedy and it is worth to, considering the millions of Non-Resident Indians spread all over the world.

Can Mr Mani spearhead this noble though Herculean task? The entire Non-Resident Indians, I believe, will unhesitatingly lend him support.

C.K. Satyraj,
Safat.

Stop unwanted publicity

SIR: I have been reading the views of different people under your column 'Letter to the Editor' on the role of Indian Peace Keeping Forces (IPKF) in Sri Lanka. People may have their personal opinions (for or against) on any issue. I have nothing against it.

However, I feel if personal opinions on critical issues, if kept personal, will be beneficial to the author as well as to the readers. I only have one question — Should the personal views on such matters be published in the newspaper? There has to be some editorial guideline under which personal views (which may be right or wrong) on certain issues which hurt the feelings of a community, a group of people and/or nationals are not given unwanted publicity.

If this continues, Arab Times should be ready to publish an Arab Times supplement of the 'Letters to the Editor' to accommodate the views of so many nationalities residing in Kuwait on national and international issues.

With due respect to all concerned, I hope I have been able to make my point.

Umesh Chandra Sharma,
Sabaiya.

Capability
questioned

DOUBTS are spreading about the ability of the South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo) to make a successful transition from Namibian Liberation Army to democratically elected government of this vast territory.

Swapo President Sam Nujoma's triumphant return on Thursday from a 30-year exile has boosted the nationalist movement's already-strong chances of winning independence elections scheduled for Nov 6.

But observers believe that Swapo's ruling council whose members have grown old during decades of exile, may soon face a revolt from younger, ambitious men who stayed at home to fight inside the territory for independence from South Africa.

Pretoria agreed in December last year to grant this former German colony its independence in exchange for the withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from neighbouring Angola.

"There's no doubt that Nujoma will be president if Swapo wins the election, but I would imagine that there will be quite a fight for the cabinet posts between the old men and the young boys," one Swapo member said.

Most of Swapo's leadership fled abroad in the early 1960s after supporters of the movement clashed with South African-backed police during a protest against the forced removal of blacks from Windhoek.

Swapo has held only one policy-making national congress since its leaders left and the 15-member ruling council, known as the politburo, has steered the movement without accountability to the rank and file.

The politburo veterans, all home again ahead of the UN-sponsored poll which usher the new era of independence, are almost certain to form the core of any Swapo government.

Left on the outside will be many of the leaders of the internal wing, who worked at home under intense harassment from the Namibian authorities while Nujoma and the older generation expounded the Swapo cause around the world.

The difference in policy, upbringing and outlook between these two wings is in danger of taking the party on a collision course with itself.

But Swapo's younger generation can take heart — time is on their side, and the oldstyle leaders return from exile to find themselves as strangers in their own country.

Although Nujoma is undoubtedly the ultimate symbol of Swapo unity, a link with the founding of the movement in a Cape Town barber's shop in the late 1950s, reformist Swapo supporters hope that his role will be that of figurehead rather than driving force.

The well educated leaders of Swapo's internal wing also feel justified in challenging the thoughts and tactics of Nujoma's generation, brought up in the old, and largely discredited, school of Africa's struggle against its colonial rulers.

Ironically, Nujoma is getting his chance to wield national power at a time when countries like Zimbabwe and Mozambique are rethinking the hardline leftist policies which have heavily influenced Swapo's outlook.

The young men are pointing to the struggling economies of these countries as proof that Namibia needs a modern, more pragmatic, version of socialism.

Swapo's manifesto for the independence election bears the hallmark of the younger generation's moderating influence.

While the document calls for a more equitable share-out of the territory's resources, there are no calls for sweeping nationalisations of industry which the territory's multinational business interests had dreaded.

"Swapo's economic policy on ownership relations is that there will be state, cooperative, joint venture and private participation in the economy... no wholesale nationalisation of the mines, land and other productive assets is envisaged in the foreseeable future," the manifesto says.

Observers agree that it is too early to say whether the potential split in Swapo will erupt into open political warfare.

Much will depend on the result of the November poll, which will elect members of an assembly to hammer out Namibia's independence constitution.

Under the election rules, Swapo can write the constitution without the support of any other political parties if it gains 67 per cent of the popular vote.

But if the party fails to gain that vital two-thirds majority, it would have to lobby for support from other factions. The inevitable compromises would give strength to the younger generation's pragmatic outlook.

The numbers game may yet be the deciding factor on Swapo's future as a credible political force. (Windhoek - Reuters)

Quote me

"It is intolerable to me that some of our colleagues remain under arrest or detention, or, far worse have died while in captivity. Here I recall with deep sorrow our former colleague, Lieut Col William Higgins. You may be sure that in my capacity as secretary-general of this noble organisation, I shall do everything in my power to resolve all instances of injustice to staff members." — UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar on US staff arrested or killed on duty during a ceremony to honour them.

"It doesn't matter. When I see a child caught in fire, only one thing occurs to me. My children. We feel responsible because the tragedy is shared by all Lebanese. We are all one family now. We regret we can only do a little to help when the madness (of fighting) strikes. There are fires we cannot put out and children we cannot save. We just don't have enough men or equipment." — A Beirut comment on the carnage in Lebanon.

"If one really wants to build the European house the leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev talked about one cannot close the borders again. In such a house there should be no rooms separated by barbed wires." — Hungarian Foreign Minister Miklos Nemeth on the need for open borders if European unity is to be realised.

"The German Democratic Republic (East Germany) has criticised us for our action. I can only say Hungary opened the borders in accordance with the Helsinki agreement." — Miklos Nemeth, foreign minister, Hungary, defending Hungary's action of opening its frontiers to East Germans fleeing to the West.

"Of course I'm cross, what do you expect? I've had eight on partridges before, I've even had snipe, but I try to forget those things." — American Curtis Strage on blowing himself out of contention in the third round of the Lannome Trophy golf tournament in France.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Increase in concentration on banking sector

Non-Kuwaiti shares dip as market turns mixed

THE Alshahi Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Sept 13, an average of 39.86 points with an increase of 0.05 point — 0.13 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshahi Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.48 with a decrease of 0.17 point — 0.25 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshahi weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 31.7 million shares at a daily average of 6.34 million shares with an increase of 9 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 5.84 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 2.18 million shares at a daily average of 0.436 million shares with a decrease of 47 per cent from last week's daily average of 0.824 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD16.3 million at a daily average of KD3.26 million, an increase of 22 per cent over last week's daily average of KD2.68 million. The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.065 million at a daily average of KD0.013 million, a decrease of 92 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.027 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 78 per cent of total trading against 71 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait led at 33 per cent followed by The Gulf Bank at 19 per cent and Hengan Bank at 15 per cent.

The services sector came second at 13 per cent in which Mobil Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 94 per cent followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets Complex Company at 5 per cent and the Public Warehousing Company at 1 per cent. The real estate sector came third at 4 per cent in which United Realty had the lead at 45 per cent followed by Kuwait Pearl Real Estate at 29 per cent and Kuwait Real Estate at 24 per cent.

As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al-Qasr Cement Company led at 44 per cent followed by Gulf Medical Projects Company at 29 per cent and Bahrain Middle East Bank at 18 per cent.

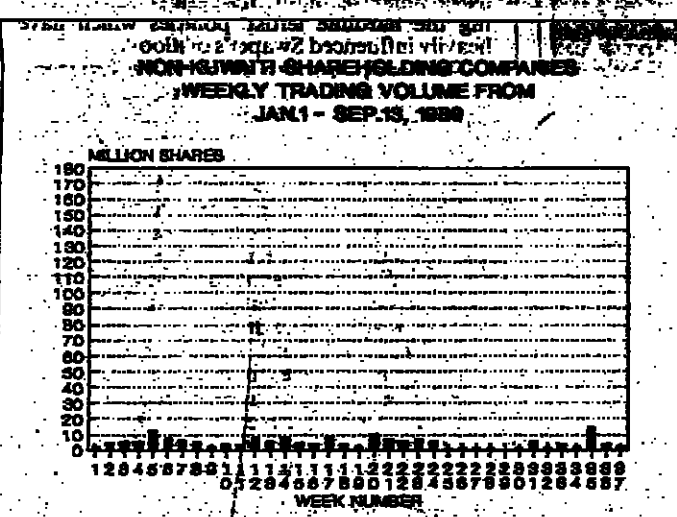
The market showed mixed signs leaning to the weak side while overall market activity was still weak but was more pronounced in the non-Kuwaiti market.

The concentration of dealings in the banking sector and the increase in the National Bank of Kuwait increased this week.

This was due to the low risk involved with these shares and the fact that the shares of the National Bank of Kuwait yield more profit considering the difference between their spring price and the present.

It seems the market is going through a period of consolidation which is the result of the different previously stated justifications and some new political issues.

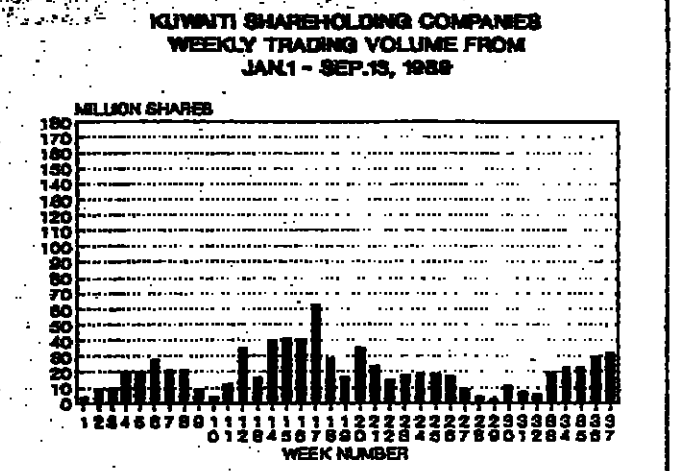
Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 13/09/89	Wed. 06/09/89	Change points
Banking Sector	123.82	123.82	—
The National Bank	33.25	33.25	—
The Gulf Bank	24.35	24.35	—
The Commercial Bank	33.30	32.80	-0.50
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	31.44	31.44	—



Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.71	28.71	—
Borgan Bank	27.58	27.58	—
Kuwait Finance House	79.10	79.92	-0.82
Investment Sector	48.34	48.38	-0.04
Kuwait Investment Co.	13.59	13.59	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	10.65	10.31	0.34
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Commercial Facilities	126.49	123.75	2.75
National Investments	60.78	60.78	—
Kuwait Investment	91.01	91.01	—
Proj. Sector Index	31.87	31.40	0.47
Insurance Sector	36.48	36.48	—
Kuwait Insurance Co.	23.85	23.85	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	46.77	46.77	—
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Real Estate Sector	36.82	36.82	—
Kuwait Real Estate	16.31	16.31	—
United Realty	5.10	5.29	-0.19
National Real Estate	35.44	35.83	-0.40
Pearl of Kuwait	73.02	72.22	0.79
Real Estate Sector Index	16.34	16.44	-0.11
Telecom Sector	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait Telecom Co.	80.16	80.16	—
Refrigeration Indust.	113.13	113.13	—
Gulf Cables	70.22	70.22	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	28.61	28.61	—
Services Sector	162.00	162.00	—
Kuwait Computer Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	67.68	67.68	—
Public Warehousing Co.	36.37	35.91	0.46
Markets Co.	304.76	285.71	19.05
Mobil Telephone Syst.	58.88	54.88	1.99
Food Sector	30.51	30.51	—
Livestock Trade & Transport	10.62	10.62	—
United Fisheries	110.01	110.01	—
Kuwait United Poultry	70.11	70.11	—
Kuwait Food Co.	38.20	38.20	—
Overall Index	38.26	38.20	0.06

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 13/09/89	Wed. 06/09/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	89.66	89.66	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	87.32	—
Coast Int. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.18	43.94	-0.76
Umm Al-Qasr Cement	16.87	17.25	-0.37
Gulf Medical Projects	21.78	21.46	0.32
Total Index	88.48	88.85	-0.37

— All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies.



Peru and Mobil sign oil pact

LIMA, Sept 16. (Reuters) Peru and Mobil Corp signed a 40-year, \$2-billion oil exploration and production contract yesterday for the country's Amazon lowlands and main cocaine-producing region.

Peruvian oil officials described the contract as the biggest private oil venture in Peru's history and said it could help draw Peruvian farmers away from growing coca, the raw material for cocaine.

Under the pact signed by Mobil and the state oil firm Petroperu, the Mobil Corp subsidiary Mobil Exploration and Producing Peru Inc won full exploration rights over about 14,000 square miles (36,000 square km) of tropical lowlands, much of it covered in jungle.

The area includes most of the upper Huallaga valley, Peru's biggest coca-producing region and the scene of bloody battles between security forces and Maoist shining path guerrillas.

"Perhaps without realising it, the Mobil Corporation is providing an answer to the problem of coca cultivation," said President Alan Garcia at the contract-signing ceremony.

"This is a way to combat coca... bringing technology and developing towns for the good of the people," said Garcia.

Mobil's vice-president for exploration, Robert Grave, said later he hoped the project would give an alternative to coca farming but that the company's main concern was to find oil.

The contract calls for minimum exploration investments over the first six years of \$107.5 million. If the wells are successful, Mobil will invest up to \$2 billion over the next 40 years to produce oil or natural gas.

In another development Iran will resume the exports of natural gas in March of the Soviet Union that were halted 10 years ago when Ayatollah Khomeini took power, the nation's oil minister was reported today as saying.

Gholamreza Aghazadeh said Iran would gain \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion in foreign exchange in the first five years by exporting 3 billion cubic metres of natural gas to its northern neighbour.

The two nations signed a natural gas export agreement in June during the Moscow visit of Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

KD deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Sept 16. (Reuters) Short-dated Kuwaiti dollar inter-bank deposit rates firmed in moderate trade today as liquidity tightened.

Dealers said many banks were short on day-to-day funds but there were no other factors to give the market direction. Business centred on short-dates as operators covered positions.

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New appointment

Philippe Guithaume (right) newly appointed president of France's state television channels arrives with Dominique Alduy (left) and Jean-Michel Gaillard (centre) at the studios of FR3 Sept 15. Gaillard was named as head of A-telne-2 France's second-biggest channel, and Alduy as head of FR3. (Reuter wirephoto)

UN urged to offer more facilities

Kuwait keen to solve world debt

By Mahmoud Abdeen

THE director-general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development Bader Mishari Al-Himaidi has said that the main principles unfolded by HH the Amir's speech before the Non-Aligned Movement summit conference held in Belgrade recently involved practical and earnest endeavour to solve world debts.

He told Al-Sayassah in the course of an exclusive interview that the Amir's initiative announced before the UN meeting in September 1988 and the proposals he made in Belgrade recently expressed Kuwait's concern of the suffering and burdens of the developing countries under the pressure of accumulating debts.

He said that the failure of finding a radical solution to world debts would further escalate the problem and consequently indebted countries would be unable to settle their debts with their creditors.

He added that HH the Amir

said that the UN secretary-general could call up a meeting for the creditor countries and representatives of international organisations and establishments at which steps would be discussed to work out solutions to the world indebtedness.

He also said that the proposed meeting would also seek to offer debtors more facilities to assist them settle their loans. This move comes amidst international signs and statistics that world debt problem was constantly escalating.

The total value of debts granted by Kuwait to other countries was approximately KD1,600 million. The net amount of outstanding debts totalled KD810 million. This does not include other Kuwaiti loans offered by the country's different economic and financial institutions.

He said that the fund continued to offer loans to various countries within the framework of its policy on granting loans to finance development projects, and projects that potentially

could help the debtors overcome their financial problems.

He added that the existing fund policy is aimed at reducing client debts, which required them to increase their stocks of foreign hard currencies in order to be able to settle all their due debts.

He highlighted the existing co-ordination between the fund and its counterpart financial institutions in the Arab world, whereby a unified joint stand could be developed on the international area; commensurate with the ongoing trends in Kuwait.

He said that Arab funds played a basic role in implementing Arab economic strategies through financing joint projects sponsored by two or more countries. This will only be possible if the required political will is available, the official added.

He pointed out that new Arab economic blocs were emerging that were quite capable to counteract rival blocs, following mounting significance of need to develop such powerful economic entities, which could resist international opposition.

Financial plight eases

Debt rescheduling pact

AMMAN, Sept 16. (Reuters) Debt-burdened Jordan's financial plight has eased as a result of debt rescheduling pacts and increased Arab aid, its finance minister said.

"Our situation is more comfortable than it had been before," Basel Jaradneh told Reuters in an interview.

"We have managed to reschedule about \$700 million in debt repayments and interest and we have received substantially higher Arab aid than the \$296 million we had envisaged getting this year."

Before rescheduling, Jordan faced repayments of \$1.21 billion in 1989 and \$1.28 billion in 1990 on foreign debts which totalled \$8.3 billion at the end of 1988.

Jaradneh said Jordan now had the foreign exchange to cover its commitments this year, adding: "What applies in 1989 applies in 1990 though it is premature for me to go into details as Arab aid projections for next year are not final yet."

Arab countries, worried by price riots which shook Jordan in April, rushed to help and provided more than \$400 million in financial aid.

This helped the Central Bank build up its hard currency reserves, which plummeted to \$20 million in May, and to stabilise the battered Jordanian dinar, which lost almost 50 per cent of its value last year.

The government reached agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April on an economic reform package, clearing the way for debt rescheduling.

The Paris Club of Western creditor nations is now delaying repayments due in 1989 and 1990, the London Club of commercial bank creditors will in principle reschedule repayments due from January 1, 1989, to June 30, 1991, and Moscow has agreed in principle of delay repayments.

Jaradneh said Jordan was negotiating a \$150 million concessional loan from the World Bank to help its balance of payments. Japan was expected to co-finance the loan by providing a similar amount, he said.

He also said the government was looking to the central banks of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) to deposit funds in Jordan "at reasonable terms" to boost its reserves and deter speculation against the dinar.

"Though the (economic) fundamentals as they stand today are encouraging... there is always a danger the dinar might be subjected to rumours and speculation," he said.

"The fact that Jordan will manage to support its reserves by further deposits from the GCC central banks would help to stop any such speculation."

Jaradneh declined to comment on the form or size of such deposits, but some Jordanian officials have said they expect a minimum of \$500 million, possibly interest-free.

Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Al-Nabulsi will discuss terms with central bankers from the GCC, which links Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, during a meeting in Tunis this week of Arab central banks.

Hungary seen as investment attraction

BUDAPEST, Sept 16. (Reuters) Hungary's decision to defy East Berlin and let thousands of East Germans pour through its borders to the West is likely to increase its attraction for foreign investors, business analysts and diplomats say.

"Companies don't decide where to invest overnight — but there can be no doubt that Hungary has won a lot of sympathy in the West and that will have a significant long-term effect," one Western diplomat in Budapest said.

Budapest last Sunday brushed aside a 20-year-old emigration pact with East Berlin, unleashing a jubilant exodus of more than 13,000 young East Germans, eager to start new lives in the West.

Hungary's Foreign Minister Gyula Horn this week rejected as "unacceptable and insulting" East German allegations that Bonn had paid Budapest to allow the would-be

emigrants to leave.

But investment analysts and Western diplomats in Budapest agree that the decision, which won warm praise from many Western governments, has also reinforced Hungary's chances of luring much-needed Western capital and technology.

"Certainly Hungary's actions will be interpreted by Bonn and other Western governments as a sign that it seriously intends to stick to its path of reform, and convince them that it is a worthy partner," said Johannes Simon, an investment researcher based at Hungary's business promotion body Investcentrum in Budapest.

Hungarian officials have already said they hope the political decision to allow the exodus will bear economic fruit.

"It's not that we want compensation for our gesture of letting these guys out," Imre Juhász, head of the West German section at

Hungary's Ministry of Trade, told Reuters. "But they should help and support the Hungarian policy which can be characterised by the world reform."

Parliamentary Speaker Matyas Szuros, leaving for the United States on Thursday to meet President George Bush and other senior officials, said he hoped Hungary's part in the East German exodus would speed its quest to be given "most favoured nation" trading status for an unlimited period.

That concession, granting favourable trade tariffs, would help Hungary shoulder Eastern Europe's heaviest per-capita debt burden and ease its bloated budget deficit of 21.1 billion forints (\$350 million).

Hungary also hopes more foreign businesses will have the confidence to import the Western technology and management know-how it will need to compete on international markets.

Bombay prices

BOMBAY Stock Exchange Closing prices (Rs) as on Sept 15, 1989.

ACC	268
Asia Cement	202.50
Brooks Bond	86
Bajaj Auto	315
Baroda Rayon	732.50
Bombay Dyeing	128
Century Spinning	2195
Colgate	173.75
BSE Index	729.46
Deepak Fertil.	31.50
E.I. Hord	56.30
Raykay	117.50
Essar	24
GNFC	34.30
GSFC	163
Gramin	107.25
C.E. Ship	118
Garware Polysty.	70
Glinda	93
Hindocoba	131.25
Hind Lever	99.75
Hindalco	238.75
Hindmotor	31.75
L.T.C.	466
Mukand	132
Master Shri	15.75
Mahindra	93
MICO	645
Nocel	11.18
Premier Auto	60.25
Petco	26.25
Pitner	67
Raymond	103
Reliance	30.25
Spic	74
Siemens	338.75
Sid Mills	460
Tata Power	338.75
Tata Chemicals	126
Tisco	1190
Telco	1020
Volvo	930
Nat Index	384.19

(Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)

Indian rupees	18.070
Sri Lankan rupees	7.620
Pakistani rupees	14.410
Bangladesh taka	9.240
US dollars	30.110
Pound sterling	47.225
Deutsche mark	15.330
UAE dirham	08.195
Japanese yen	002.063

Downstream ventures planned

Saudis plan to sell gasoline in Europe

NEW YORK, Sept 16. (UPI) Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, plans to refine and sell gasoline and other oil products world-wide, especially in Europe and Asia, the Saudi oil minister said in an interview published today.

"Because our crude reserves are so large, our long-term goal is to be present in the downstream of all the major oil markets," Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told the oil daily Trade Journal. "This means that Europe and the Far East are very much in our plans."

"Downstream" is oil industry jargon for the refining and marketing of petroleum products from crude produced in "upstream" activities.

Earlier this year, Saudi Arabia bought a 50 per cent share of Texaco Inc's three refineries and 10,000 service stations in the Eastern United States for \$2 billion to help the No. 3 US oil company fight a takeover attempt.

The US venture "has certainly been a success and we are very pleased with it," the oil minister said.

Since 1 million barrels of Saudi oil and products are sold in the US market daily, Nazer said, "the United States was the logical place for our first major downstream venture. We are open to new downstream ventures in the United States and other areas as well."

Since Saudi Arabia has about 252 billion barrels of the world's total estimated 900 billion barrels of crude oil reserves, Nazer said, "We are always looking for markets for our crude. We hope that these downstream ventures will consume a growing part of our crude production."

He saw "no reason" to dispute estimates that world oil demand will expand at an annual rate of 1.5 per cent over the next decade with the fastest growth concentrated in the newly industrialised nations, such as those of the

Pacific rim.

"Growth in the United States will perhaps be less than the world average," the minister said.

Saudi Arabia currently is limited by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to supplying only 4.76m barrels a day to its export and domestic markets, although it has the capacity to pump much

Package of benefits for investors

Essar entering capital market

ESSAR has demonstrated time and again its ability to spot new opportunities in high technology growth areas and implement them successfully on time e.g. shipping fleet grew substantially in a short period and operated profitably even during recession. Essar has taken and maintained a lead in offshore and onshore oil gas exploration activities in private sector in India.

Essar proved it again by setting up the world's largest hot briquetted sponge iron plant which is now expected to be commissioned in early 1990 at a time when the price and demand for sponge iron is rising.

In line with this philosophy, Essar has proposed to go international by setting up an export-oriented steel plant with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes per annum to earn foreign exchange by using locally available raw materials — iron ore, pellets, gas — and adding value to them. This would become the second largest steel plant in the Indian private sector.

To part finance this steel plant, Essar Gujarat is entering the capital market with a convertible debenture issue on Sept 18, 1989.

Essar has now adopted the same innovative approach which it has used in its business operations to its forthcoming fully Convertible Debenture issue of approximately Rs. 406 crores.

Out of this approximately Rs. 137 crores will be offered to the existing shareholders on a rights basis. The balance of about Rs. 269 crores will be offered to the general public out of which about Rs. 54 crores has been reserved for allotment on a preferential basis to group companies and the employees, about Rs. 69 crores reserved for the NRI investors and the debentures offered to Indian public is only Rs. 145 crores.

Each debenture is of the face value of Rs. 180 and would be converted in two stages in June 1990 and June 1992 into four equity shares at an average maximum price of Rs 45 each. This is

against a book value per share of approximately Rs. 45 each. The share price of Essar since it was listed in April 1988 has shown a steady appreciation and the average share price at the Bombay Stock Exchange is approximately Rs. 70 over this period.

Essar Gujarat shareholders will be given a minimum of 3 debentures for every 10 shares held on a rights basis and each debenture is of the face value of Rs. 200 which will entitle the shareholder for five shares after conversion in June 1990 and June 1992 at a maximum average price of Rs. 40 per share.

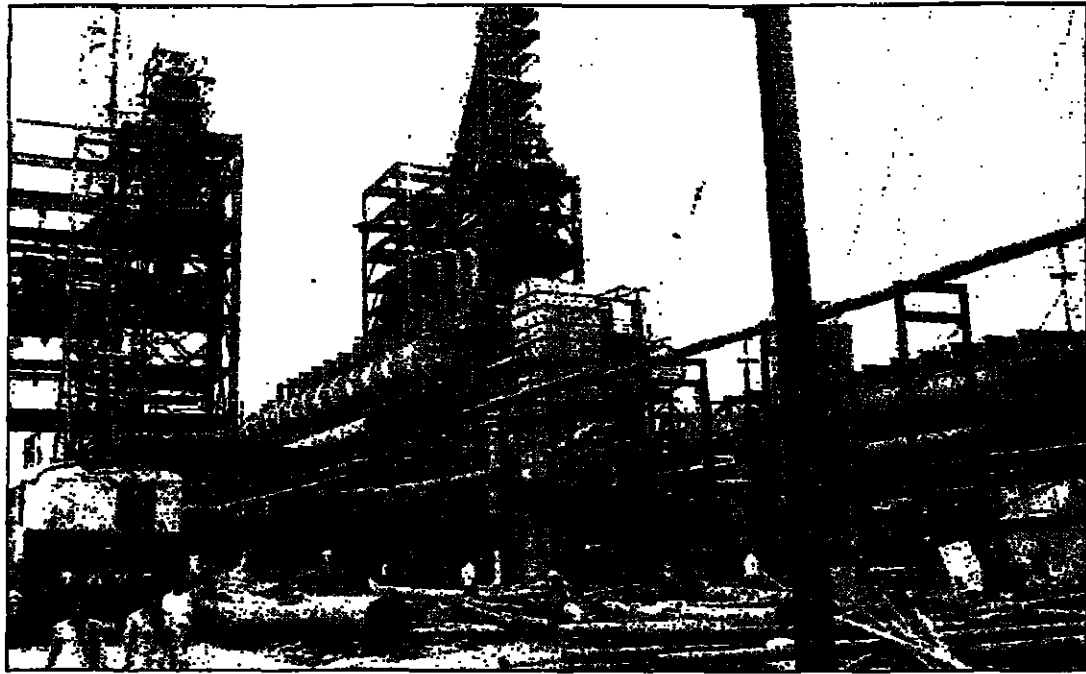
Essar shipping shareholders will be given a minimum of 10 debentures per shareholder from the quota reserved for the group companies at a price of Rs. 180 per debenture. In this manner each shareholder will definitely be given 10 debentures irrespective of the public subscription. Shareholders can however, apply for additional debentures, the remaining debentures after the preferential allotment will be added to the public offering and considered therein.

Keeping in view the interest of the small investors, Essar has proposed to collect only Rs. 50 per debenture on application and the balance Rs. 130 on allotment.

Arrangements have been made with some banks to provide loan for the payment of the allotment money which could be repaid over a maximum period of 3 years. Thus for purchasing 100 debentures an investor would require only Rs 5000 as application money and the amount due on allotment which could be repaid over a maximum period of 3 years in easy instalments. This will enable them to apply for larger number of debentures.

An arrangement has also been worked out with Andhra Bank, Central Bank and Canara Bank to enable their credit card holders to apply for this issue.

Application forms are available with sharebrokers, all stock exchanges, collection centres of



Main furnace area of Essar's sponge iron plant nearing completion

various banks all over the country. In addition, a very special facility that is being made available for this issue is that the services of about 10,000 branches all over the country of State Bank of India, Canara Bank and Bank of India are available to enable investors to have easy accessibility to application forms and other issue details.

Each debenture carries a tradeable warrant. This entitles the holder to apply for an equity share at any time between 4th and 5th year from the date of allotment at a price to be determined by CCI but not exceeding Rs. 70. The warrant is proposed to be listed with Stock Exchanges to permit tradeability. Besides SBI Capital Markets Limited and Can Bank Financial Services have also agreed to trade in these warrants.

This is a very attractive option for the shareholders as he has to make investment at a later date when all the projects would be completed at a maximum price that is fixed now. Though the share price ruling then should

reflect the results of these projects.

Each debenture carries a loyalty coupon of Rs. 10 as an incentive to the shareholders who retain their shares after two conversions for the first three years from the date of allotment of debenture. Effectively this means the holders will get the shares at a price lesser by Rs. 2.50. The concept of this feature is to develop the loyalty between the company and its members.

The company has structured the financing plan in such a way that the additional capital raised for the new project can be serviced from the existing activities. Last year funds were raised for the sponge iron project and a dividend of 30 per cent was assured whereas the company paid a dividend of 35 per cent and the same has been recommended for the current year despite the fact that as yet, there is no contribution from the sponge iron project.

In the same manner the capital now being raised for the steel plant is expected to be serviced

from the surpluses of the sponge iron project.

This planning is done in a manner that investors continue to receive first interest for a fixed period and dividend thereafter even while the projects are under implementation and at the same time giving appreciation in the share value as the debentures are being converted.

Essar has built up a reputation for prompt servicing of investors, timely allotment, quick transfers, prompt payment of dividend and interest etc. A great deal of attention is being paid to this aspect.

Essar is further setting up a modern, fully computerised online inhouse Investors Service Centre to handle all such matters for both domestic and NRI shareholders.

In summary, the issue of Essar is to raise funds from the capital market to finance solid projects. The company has a proven track record and has time and again demonstrated its ability to spot new opportunities and move in quickly and capitalise on them.

Pound maintains steady undertone

NBK weekly market report

THE dollar traded within a narrow range during the earlier part of the week awaiting the key data releases yesterday. In the event the trade number at deficit \$7.6 billion was much lower than market expectations, and despite Central Bank intervention drove the dollar to the DM2.00 level, according to NBK weekly report.

However, interpretation of the data provided evidence of moderating domestic economic activity implying lower US interest rates for the future. Hence the dollar was unable to sustain its push faltering around DM2.00. The bond market consequently firmed on the strength of lower rates.

The dollar ended the week at DM2.00 and Y148.5.

The significant improvement in the trade number was achieved by a 2.5 per cent decline in imports. Of concern exports also fell verifying earlier concerns that dollar strength and moderating international activity will ultimately diminish US competitiveness—the longer term outlook for a further correction to the current account deficit is therefore not so bullish.

The import decline combined with the lower PPT figure provided additional evidence of slowing economic activity with inflation under control.

Despite anticipated lower interest rates the dollar's downside potential remains reasonably limited for the interim by the recent sizeable improvement in the trade number. However, real earnings, personal income and consumption data next week should provide further evidence of moderating growth, which

will cap a sustained dollar rally.

Anticipation of G7 action in their forthcoming meetings will also prevent sizeable market movements. "In the event we expect a statement to the requirement for stable exchange rates and an implied need to lower the dollar. We still expect West German and possibly Japanese action to raise their domestic interest rates after the international meetings."

Trading ranges support a slightly firmer dollar: Y146-50 and DM1.98-2.02.

The pound maintained a steady undertone this week little affected by the economic data releases and supported by the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher's reaffirmation of the government's determination to keep interest rates firm. Continuing capacity constraints were emphasised by higher average earnings and with unemployment data falling by twice as much as expected to the lowest figure for nine years cause gilts to weaken. Inflationary numbers have eased with PPI unchanged and RPI lower, but pressures in the pipeline namely higher wage settlements provides little room for complacency.

The pound ended the week at DM3.07 and £/\$1.54.

The government's strong line on inflation appears to be proving successful according to the latest batch of economic statistics although a relaxation in policy is still considered some way off. Interest rate policy will be determined by its likely impact on the pound, which at present remains vulnerable to the country's expanded external deficit.

The second quarter current account balance of payments moved deeper into deficit due to the weaker than expected invisible exports although this had little impact on the financial markets.

Next week's data releases include industrial production, money supply and GDP figures which should provide further evidence of the continuing slow-down in the economy.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.05-3.08; £/\$1.52-1.55.

Retail sales rose a slightly less than expected provisional, seasonally adjusted, 0.4 per cent in August, following a 0.5 per cent fall in July, giving a year-on-year increase of 0.9 per cent.

PPI output as forecast increased by 0.3 per cent giving an annual rise of 4.6 per cent in August, unchanged from July.

PPI input unexpectedly fell by an adjusted 0.3 per cent in August against a 1.3 per cent decline in July giving a provisional 37 per cent yearly rise.

Average earnings rose as anticipated an underlying, seasonally adjusted 9.25 per cent in the year to July after rising 9 per cent in June. The actual rise year-on-year was 8.7 per cent compared with a revised 9.4 per cent in June.

Unemployment fell by a provisional 36,200 to 1.75 million in August. This was twice as much as expected and equivalent to 67 per cent of the workforce. This was the 37th consecutive month of fall, down from 0.1 per cent in July.

Analysts see no big uptick in economic activity

Stocks heading for chill?

NEW YORK, Sept 16, (AP): After the US stock market's long summer rally, many analysts and money managers fear it is heading for an autumn fall.

Two fears started to rise even before the "debt" problems of Campeau Corp. rolled the market for high-yield "junk" bonds in the past few days.

They intensified when the news about Campeau raised the question of whether stocks might catch a chill should takeover fever die down.

But a vocal group of optimists persists in predicting new highs for the market above the peaks reached at the beginning of this month. Junk bond worries, they say, may prove nothing more than a convenient excuse for stocks to undergo a "correction" that sets the stage for a renewed advance.

"Memories of past October have stirred up fears in almost every analyst we have heard in the past several weeks," said Stephen Lee in his investment advisory letter Indicator Digest.

"While admittedly few are predicting a crash, many if not most feel that a correction of 10 per cent or more is likely by the end of October. Yet not one of these pundits is predicting a concomitant rise in interest rates or big uptick in economic activity."

"This is akin to predicting that a rocket ship will blast off without any fuel in it. It just doesn't work that way."

For a significant decline in stock prices to occur, Lee argues, "you must have—at a minimum—a sharp rise in interest rates. And that is simply not in the cards."

Many people who make the decision to invest institutions such as pension funds came back from the Labour Day holiday at the beginning of September in a wary mood, seeking ways to preserve the gains they racked up over the first eight months of the year.

The most obvious way to do this is to "raise cash," in Wall Street parlance, by selling some stocks and putting the proceeds in short-term money market investments.

But Robert E. Kennedy, a senior writer for *Forbes* magazine, argues that the supposed safety in such a strategy could be illusory in a business where money managers are measured against their counterparts' performance and the market index.

"The problem with trying to duck a correction today is that there appear to be very decent potential left on the table," he maintains. "A decent bound outlook, a stable dollar and an economy without excesses is hardly the environment that makes stocks particularly dangerous."

"A correction may occur, given the sharp summer advance, but we view it as essentially unplayable. The fundamentals are too solid and the potential too high to try to sit on a lead."

US wholesale prices down

WASHINGTON, Sept 16, (AP): US wholesale prices declined for the third straight month in August as a big new drop in energy costs helped keep inflation in check, the government said yesterday in releasing a string of generally upbeat economic reports.

The Labour Department said its producer price index, which measures costs one step short of the retail level, plunged 0.4 per cent last month, matching the decline in July. The index had been down 0.1 per cent in June.

It was the first time that wholesale prices had fallen for three consecutive months since a four-month drop from January through April, 1986.

Adding to the good economic news, the government said that production at the nation's factories rose in August at its fastest clip in four months while the US trade deficit in July fell to its lowest level in nearly five years.

President George Bush said the various government reports showed that the longest peacetime economic expansion in US history was moving forward, continuing "to produce jobs for the American people."

"From the Fed's viewpoint, all the news looks very good," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at DRI-McGraw Hill.

Joint banking venture planned

ISLAMABAD, Sept 16, (Kuna): A nationalised Pakistani bank has decided to enter into a joint venture with an Iranian bank for the reconstruction of Iran which has fought an 8-year long war with neighbouring Iraq.

President of Habib Bank, Safdar Abbas Zaidi, said in an interview in Karachi that a delegation of his bank would shortly leave for Tehran for holding discussions with Iranian authorities on possibility of concluding a joint venture with an Iranian bank.

If approved by the Iranian government, it would be the first joint banking venture between Iran and Pakistan.

Zaidi said that with the new expansion programme of Habib Bank in foreign countries his bank was better placed to serve Iranian interests world-wide.

According to him his bank sought permission to open new branches in the United States, Britain and Thailand. Within Pakistan the bank had sought government permission to establish 95 new branches, he said.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 16/09/1989			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
6	Topusko	M. Bahar	2433881
7	Meghpal	Sagar	2432692
9	Evermore Ascendant	ISA	2441860
10	Hual Tribute	A. Bahar	2459891
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
16/6	Topusko	M. Bahar	2433881
16/9	Superstars	Algh Barwil	4842988
16/9	Shetidesyatletie	Al Rashed	2422026
17/9	Lanka Seedeivi	GH&Q	4347815
17/9	Shaan	ISA	2441860
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Nani	A. Seas	2421303
9	Starshine	Algh Barwil	4842988
16	Q. Ibn Al Fuja'a	UASC	4843150
VSL AT ANCHORAGE			
B.No.	Ships name	Agent	Tel No.
2	Golden Sea	RSMSS	2423642
9	Pelagos	Alg S. Freight	4745533
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
14/9	Sea Glister	M.A. Bahar	2433881
16/9	Topusko	M.A. Bahar	2433881
16/9	Hargenvan	Algh Barwil	4842988
17/9	Al Wajba	UASC	4843150
20/9	YS Prosperity	Al Rashed	2422026
20/9	City of Elmira	BB Hassan	2433537
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France and Iraq reach debt accord

PARIS, Sept 16, (AP): The French government has agreed to allow Iraq to reschedule repayments on some of its public and officially-guaranteed external debt, the Iraqi embassy in Paris said today.

The embassy said in a statement that Iraq has agreed to make repayments within the next three months on its debt obligations falling due in 1989. Iraq will also catch up on its debt-service arrears pending from the second-half of 1988.

A French Economics Ministry official confirmed that the agreement, which is part of an "overall global financial accord," will allow Baghdad to spread repayments on part of its government-to-government and officially guaranteed debt over six years.

Iraq's total outstanding debt to France is estimated at around 25 billion francs (\$3.73 billion) most of which was contracted to pay for arms shipments.

Officials declined to disclose the amounts covered by the debt rescheduling agreements that were signed Thursday.

Repayments

Iraq suspended its debt repayments to France due to financial difficulties stemming from the Iran-Iraq war, which was halted by a ceasefire in July 1987. The French stopped providing export credit guarantee cover to French exporters.

The agreement was signed in Baghdad during a visit by a delegation of officials from the French defence, economics, foreign trade and foreign affairs ministries.

Earlier this year, it was reported that France had refused to approve a 22 billion-franc (\$3.2 billion) deal involving the sale of Mirage 2000 fighters because Iraq already owed France too much money.

Analysts said France's aircraft builder Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation is likely to be in the front line for negotiating a new deal if the French export credit guarantee agency Coface resumes providing export-insurance cover to exporters.

Iraq has traditionally been an important supplier of crude oil to France. Over the 12 months ended in June, Iraq accounted for 8.7 per cent of France's total crude imports.

World Bank to boost Third World lending

IBRD and IDA provide loans for projects

WASHINGTON, Sept 16, (UPI): The World Bank said today it will increase its lending to developing nations to between \$20 billion and \$25 billion in its fiscal year 1990, up from \$21.3 billion the year before.

The bank's annual report covers the lending of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank's official name, and its International Development Association affiliate, which lends to the poorest countries under concessionary terms.

IBRD lending is expected to range from \$15 billion to \$19 billion in fiscal 1990, up from \$16.4 billion in the that ended June 30. Loans from IDA are expected to reach \$5.7 billion in

fiscal 1990, up from \$4.9 billion in 1989.

Lending by both the IBRD and IDA exceeded in 1989 the previous fiscal year's levels, which were \$14.8 billion and \$4.5 billion, respectively.

The IBRD and IDA provide loans for projects and rapid disbursement loans to support economic policy changes in countries reforming their economies, primarily in Latin America. The latter are called adjustment loans.

Since the outbreak of the developing countries' debt crisis in 1982, the World Bank group's rapid disbursement loans have steadily increased their share of total operations as private lending to indebted nations dried up.

Lending to support economic reforms increased to \$6.4 billion in 1989 from \$5.7 billion the previous year. This represented 30 per cent of IBRD's and IDA's 1989 loans compared with 26 per cent the previous year despite the bank's board assessment that adjustment lending was only "moderately successful," the report said.

Commitments to the group of 17 highly indebted, middle-income countries, most of which are in Latin America, accounted for 49 per cent of total IBRD lending in 1989, up from 43 per cent the previous fiscal year.

Commitments to sub-Saharan African countries rose by 34 per cent in 1989.

African nations received \$3.9 billion in commitments during fiscal 1989, 18 per cent of the total of the \$21.3 billion in IBRD and IDA commitments. Asian countries received \$7.8 billion, or 37 per cent, Latin American countries received \$5.8 billion, or 27 per cent, and developing countries in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa received \$3.8 billion, or 18 per cent of total commitments.

Co-financing from other sources for IBRD and IDA loans reached an unprecedented \$9.9 billion in fiscal 1989. For the first time even more than half of all World Bank-assisted projects and programmes attracted some form of co-financing, the report said.

International maritime organisation praises Cyprus

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 16, (AP): A two-day conference to promote Cyprus as a shipping centre ended yesterday with praise for the island's efforts by the secretary-general of the International Maritime Organisation, C.P. Srivastava.

"This has been a unique conference and I wish to express my admiration for the maritime administration of this country," the IMO chief told a news conference summarizing the results of the meeting.

He added that the conference, which attracted 850 delegates

from 26 countries involved in all aspects of shipping, "is a great tribute to Cyprus."

"It is a recognition of the fact that Cyprus with its ancient maritime tradition has also become a leading modern maritime nation."

"It is a unique combination of a great maritime tradition mingled with excellent facilities today for the conduct of marine business."

Srivastava said he was "very delighted with the policy which the Cyprus government wishes to pursue, which was worked out

during my meetings with top officials including President George Vassiliou.

"My discussions have been very encouraging and I would like to offer my congratulations to Cyprus...I am very heartened that this country pursues a very wide policy which will ensure that Cyprus shipping is operating in accordance with global standards, with modern facilities all round."

The IMO chief addressed the news conference jointly with Zenon Katsourides, the presidential shipping adviser,

who organised and presided at the two day meeting.

Katsourides said Cyprus which has the fastest growing merchant fleet in the world is currently third internationally in the number of ships flying the Cyprus flag and seventh in terms of gross registered tonnage. He did not list the countries with larger fleets.

He said the government's objective was to make Cyprus the world's leading maritime nation both in terms of its fleet and the wide range of shipping services it offers.

US pushes for global crackdown on drugs money

WASHINGTON, Sept 16, (Reuter): The United States, reporting successes against money-laundering at home, is pushing for a world-wide crackdown on illegal drugs money through tighter controls on banking.

US pressure, officials say, helped speed up the establishment of a money laundering task force by the Group of Seven which is meeting for the first time in Paris next week to discuss what to do about the huge sums of tainted money that circulate through the world banking system.

The task force brings together finance experts from the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan and West Germany.

US authorities estimate that drugs generate about \$300 billion in cash every year, most of which eventually ends up in bank accounts from where it can be moved across the world by electronic transfer to obscure its origin.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said in a recent television interview that Washington would ask foreign governments to reform their banking laws to stanch the

flow of drugs money. American officials hope that other countries will take their cue from a series of laws that made money laundering more difficult in the United States.

"Every country has different laws with regard to bank secrecy," Brady said. "We have to meld those laws together...so that the whole system works, not just half of it."

The most effective weapon in the US effort to make life more difficult for drug dealers has been a rule that requires banks to report to the government all cash deposits in excess of \$10,000.

Under new regulations expected to take effect soon, banks will have to demand identification from all customers making cash transactions of more than \$3,000, which have to be recorded and turned over to the government on request.

In addition, "suspicious transactions" of any kind — breaks in an account holder's usual pattern of credits and debits — would also have to be reported to the government.

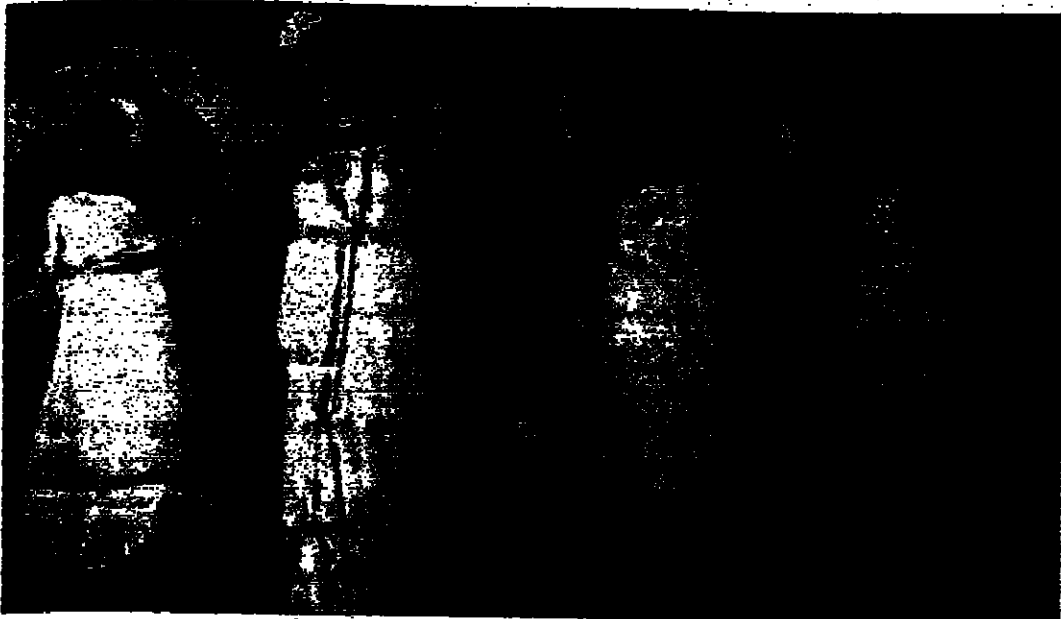
According to officials leading the fight against the drugs trade, traffickers have been forced to smuggle billions of dollars in cash out of the United States to evade controls on deposits here. Most of the money is banked in countries with less stringent controls.

"It is apparent to most of us in the financial services industry who are involved with money laundering that the serious money now moves by wire transmission," said a report by the American Bankers Association.

"Wire transactions, which are essentially unregulated, have emerged as the primary method by which high volume launderers ply their trade."

US officials and lawmakers are now looking into ways of making wire transfers subject to the kind of regulations that stopped drug runners from depositing cash by the suitcase.

But many bankers and financial analysts say trying to regulate electronic transfers would be futile and could cripple foreign exchange dealings and world trade.



Above and right: scenes from the entertainment programme.

Festive Onam ... bellyful

ONE, two, three, four, five, six... then you lose track. At the end you never know whether it was a 19th or 21st century dinner. But people longed for it and loved it. Why not, after all it was the festival of harvest related to good eating and drinking.

Malayalees in their hundreds thronged the Indian Arts Circle on Thursday night to have a taste of Onam at the Kuwait. They enjoyed the programme.

At the IAC, though it was not a harvest of crops, it was a harvest of pretty ladies dressed in their traditional saris and adorned with flowers and jewellery. The menfolk was not far behind in their silk kurta and lungis.

The Malayalees gathered there to meet

old acquaintances and friends and spent most of the time chatting and enquiring about the welfare of one another. Even the entertainment programme couldn't stop them from doing so.

Onam — Yesterday and Today, the musical programme presented by MV Madhavan was well knit. Frequent clapping bore testimony to that.

In their speeches Indian Charge d'Aff-

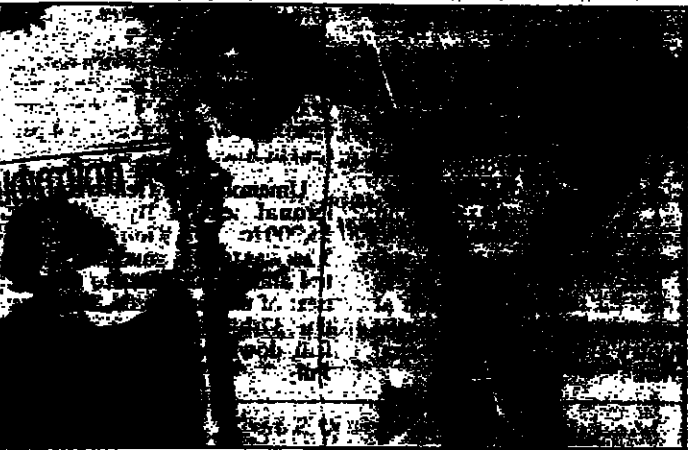
airs R.S. Mukhija, C.T. Kuruvilla, Varughese Gee, all extolled the importance and pride of place that Onam, a festival that crosses the religious barriers, has in the cultural life of Malayalees.

The very nature of the festival was depicted by the colourful floral design, Pookkalam, created by Mrs Rajkumar. The vivid colours were exciting life.

One must thank the organisers for

taking great pains in fulfilling the expectations of the hundreds who had nothing to complain after their hearty meal.

Another Onam function was arranged by the Overseas Indian Cultural Congress (OICC) at the Regal Restaurant. The Second Secretary at the Indian embassy, S.M. Mathur, was the chief guest and lighted the lamp. Here also the Onam Sadya (feast) was a treat.



Mathur lighting the lamp as OICC president G. Sasidheran Nair (right) and Arab Times Business Editor M.C. Bose look on.



The colourful floral design, Pookkalam.



The audience at the IAC. (Photos by Amr Jaidid)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mawlood Fi AlWaqf
- 10.45 Aida: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 3)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
- 11.15 Achlaq: Wamlah: Local Serial (Part 3)
- 12.00 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
- 12.15 That's Incredible: Variety Programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- The Evening Period
- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.45 Children Stories: Cartoon Serial
- 5.15 Cartoons
- 5.45 Religious Feature
- 6.15 Nihayat Saif: Arabic Serial (Part 2)
- 7.25 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Local Programme
- 8.00 Variety
- 8.15 Dwanivat Shuara Al Nabat: Local Programme
- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Wajeda Wa Sameh: Arabic Serial (Part 10)
- 10.30 A variety Late Night Show produced by The Moroccan Television
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran and Cutdown

Mines Ahead": "Kirk" and Donna lay mines in the waters of "Saruba" Island, and Dr. Mike has to encounter them with the help of his daughter and find who is behind them.

7.00 Path of The Rain God "The River Valley": Waters that have fallen on one of the poorest and most infertile habitats, the Maya Mountains, now plunge as magnificent waterfalls onto one of the richest biological communities on earth.

8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Flying Doctors "Bearing Gifts: Airport customs find out drugs in the luggage of Emma's grandmother, while Emma is preparing herself for her marriage ceremony.

9.30 Supersense "Sound Natural": Sound as a means of communication between animals which differs from one animal to another sound frequencies vary as well.

10.00 Kate and Allie: A schoolmate of Allie's daughter teaches her certain evil habits such as smoking cigarettes.

10.30 Bestseller: "The Permanent Conspiracy Part 2: 'Reighly' is jailed in America where he meets one of the jailors who was his best friend... Both run away to Australia to help liberate his jailed friends.

12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Care Bears Family: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Sea Hunt "Danger-

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Sat - Wed. 9 am to 5 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareeq Rajab Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, fashions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Photography & oil painting classes

Photography to be taught by Ann C. Eid, a professional photographer with a degree in fine arts, who has taught at the University of Maryland.

Oil painting to be taught by

Yasmeen Bhatma, a professional artist with a degree in fine arts, who has exhibited her paintings in many countries.

Classes are to be held in Dalia. Limited to only 10 students per class. Register early.

Dates: Photography — Sun-

days, Oct 7-Nov 25, 10 am to 1 pm; or Wednesdays, Oct 4, Nov 22, 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Painting: Mondays, Oct 2,

Nov 20, 10 am to 1 pm. For further details and reservations, please call Yasmeen 2540587.

Pottery and Crafts

Develop your child's creativity in pottery & crafts (8-12 yrs old). Also watercolour painting and jewellery making for adults. For details Tel: 5618847-5317354, 9 am - 12 noon & 4-6.30 pm.

Nakshi Kathar Maath

The famous Bengali musical play "Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) of Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged by Moushaki at Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City on Nov 2 and 3. Tel: 5623456, 4893424, 4744490, 4742656, 4315759, for more details.

SOCIAL

Pakistan Arts Circle

A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes mushairas, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc.

Families are most welcome.

Please register your names on Tel: No. 5323634/5712585 ext. 4716358.

Ahmad Musical Society

REHEARSALS for the 1989/90 season will start on Saturday 16th September, at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmad. New singers welcome. For further details ring 3912384.

The Kuwait Players

AUDITIONS will be held at 8 pm on 16th September, 1989 in Al Fawz Room of the Messilah Beach Hotel for "Barefoot in the Park" a comedy by Neil Simon to be directed by Kam Winston. Anyone interested in participating in any way in this production is invited to attend. For further information ring 5740256/7 or 5625316.

Barbecue at MBH

WELCOME back to old and new. Over 15 clubs represented. So come along if you want to find out which organisation is for you. Tickets only. No children. September 20, 1989 — 7.30 pm onwards. For more details contact Messilah Beach Hotel on 5624111 Ext 711 or 739.

KUWAIT Singers

KUWAIT Singers commence rehearsals for their seasonal concert on Monday, September 18, at the Gulf English School, Salwa.

New members particularly welcome. For further information contact Tel. 5384873 or 4884134.

Maana Boys Choir

The Vienna Boys Choir will be performing at the Kuwait International Hotel on 26th September at 8.00 pm in the Grand Ballroom. Tickets available at the Reception counter: 2530000/8040. KD8.00 for adults. KD5.00 for child under 12 years.

Contact ladies information

Sept. 23: Contact ladies information will be held on Saturday, Sept 23 at 10 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomer's welcome. For details call: 3720197, 4874513, 5388103 (Dennis).

Konkani drama

NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada. Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival.

Top Rank and Stepping Stones

will provide a stimulating music, lots of surprise again. For further information please contact the organisers, Casmir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

Filchess chess

SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchess) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Rasaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

Free Tailoring Class

Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapilku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku. The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class are given free to all participants. Master cutting, Barong Tagalog and executive suits will be covered in the course. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

Spoken Arabic

The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone No. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2435860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2413383.

Palarong Pilipino Annual

All the winners in the just concluded Palarong Pilipino organised by the Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) should submit their pictures on or before September 22 to Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President of Media and External Affairs and the Chairman of the 9th Palarong Pilipino Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must

be coloured and the size is 5"x7" with their officials and players and for the individual, it must be coloured and the size is also 5"x7".

Sponsors and donors who may wish to place ads must contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

Kapilku Night

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their Kapilku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike. The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

All previous winners

are requested to contact the chairperson for the rehearsal on the forthcoming Grand Final on October 20.

Rehearsals and auditions for

all Kapilku Night contestants will be on Friday, September 15 at Far East Restaurant at 10.00 am.

D'Assisi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dir' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

British Council

Around the world with Willy Fog: Wednesday, 20 September at 6 pm, Thursday 21 September at 10.30 am (52 min). This is a charming adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel "Around the World in Eighty Days", with one major difference. All the characters are animals. Willy Fog, an elegant gentleman, offers a bet of half of his fortune that he can go around the world in 80 days. Accompanied by his French valet, Rigodon, and his small companion with a big heart, Tico, they set off in an incredible trip around the world.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads R.F.C.

(Rugby Football Club). We are looking for wings, props, centres or any other positions to join the Gulf's most successful team. Training is on Sunday and Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm. For details/directions phone Graham Adams at 5644533 or Steve Hutchinson at 3721540.

Boys Own Club

Boys Own Club are happy to announce that entries are open for the 5th Annual Seven-A-Side Football Festival to be held on 12th October 1989, at Sour Ground.

This tournament has been sponsored by Tony White, general manager of M 5 Kuwaiti British Ready Mix Co.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe D'Souza on Tel. 4813622-25 ext. 147.

KOSA open day

Sept. 22: KOSA open day will be held this Friday at the Shaab yacht marina commencing at 2 pm. For details please call Craig Ross on 2452880 (W) 533 0509 (H).

Ballet

STEPS school of Dance, is affiliated with the Royal Academy of Dance, London. Girls of all ages can learn classical ballet or modern dance. There is an adult jazz course for ladies, and a gymnastics course for children. For registration and more details, please contact the Kuwait English School from 3 to 7 pm on weekdays, or Thursday mornings.

Ahmadi kart racing

NEW season starts Sept. 29, 1989. Pre-season meeting for all drivers, helpers, etc. at the Ahmadi track clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept 1989 at 8.00 pm. People interested in participating as drivers or helpers welcome to attend. Please contact Mike Snell on 2441505, 2426997 or 9013541 for further information.

Swimming classes

A.S.A. swimming classes for children, adults, beginners, intermediate. Classes start Sept 23, 1989. For registration and details please contact Messilah Beach Hotel on 5624111 ext. 739 or 751.

Windsurfing classic

Messilah Beach Hotel is organising a windsurfing classic on Oct 6, 1989. Open to all men and women sailors in Kuwait. Closing date for entries is 1.10.89. For more details contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 739/751.

Football League:

Anybody interested in joining a soccer league, preferably already belonging to a team, please call Bob or Alan on 5386444.

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Secondary School for Boys

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Faiaka Pharmacy
Jeeb Al Shuyoukh, Main St.
Opposite to the Police Station
Jahra
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Jahra, Daabul Al Khozai St.
Opposite to the Educational Department



Honourable luncheon

The Ambassador of Bangladesh, K.M. Shehabuddin (centre) hosted a lunch for Kuwait's Ambassador-designate to Bangladesh Mohammad Ibrahim Al Najran (fourth left). The lunch was attended by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chief of Protocol Ahmad Al Ayoub, Dy. Dir. of Asia and Africa Dept. Ibrahim Al Mohanna and Rashid Al Rashid, former Dir. of Commerce and Industries Hassan Mohammed Rejeh and a number of other ambassadors in Kuwait.

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FILIPINO DIGEST

SNIPPETS

Illegal entrants seized: Four Filipinos were jailed in Prague, Czechoslovakia for entering that country without appropriate visas, the Department of Foreign Affairs reported.

Francis Mendoza, Amy Maranan, Lulu Visso and Miguel Tabing were suspected to have entered Prague to gain entry to Italy where possible employment as domestic helpers and construction workers await them.

DFA Assistant Secretary for International Affairs Israel Bocobo said that based on latest reports from Philippine embassies in Europe, many Filipinos who resorted to this practice, fell into misfortune.

Overthrown by cousin: A two-year-old girl was critically injured when she was thrown over the bridge by her allegedly mentally ill girl cousin along the South Expressway in Binang, Laguna.

Odeh Caranto, first child of Orly and Cecilia Caranto of Rosario Subd. in San Pedro, Laguna, had a bloated head, swollen eyes and bleeding nose when she was rushed to the Perpetual Help Hospital in Binang, said Binang police chief Maj. Erasto Sanchez.

The incident happened in Barangay Halang bridge on the South Expressway where Odeh was thrown by her cousin Roselda Caranto, 18.

Roselda was a former patient at the National Centre for Mental Health in Mandaluyong, Sanchez said.

Shortly before the incident, Roselda ate breakfast with Odeh's parents. Later she left taking with her the girl without the knowledge of her parents.

When Odeh's parents noticed that she was missing they searched for her and several neighbours told them that they saw Roselda carrying the girl toward the South Expressway.

They followed her and when they reached the bridge they saw several people under the bridge coddling the girl.

Roselda was brought to the Binang police station awaiting for her transfer to the mental hospital.

Two months ago, police said, Roselda also tried to kill Odeh. She wrapped her in a newspaper and set it on fire while choking the girl.

Bullet supplier sued: Charges of illegal possession of firearms will be filed before the Pasay City Fiscal's Office against the firearms and ammunition salesman who had been arrested for selling bullets he had bought from Camp Crame to New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

Roger Andrade, 42, of 2202 G.G. Cruz St., Bacalaran, Paranaque had admitted selling 6,000 rounds of 9mm, .45 and .38 bullets a month to rebels in Pasay Island.

He had also supplied 300 bullets a month to Metro Manila based rebels and an undetermined volume to Bicol, Quezon and other Luzon provinces. Andrade who uses the aliases Roger Ambahan, Roger Sison and Ka Roger was arrested at 10 pm last July 24 inside the Vimar Bear garden along airport road Pasay City while drinking with a hotel owner.

Andrade told People's Journal that he xeroxed application forms of gun licenses in purchasing bullets from private dealers at the Firearms and Explosives Unit (FEU) in Camp Crame.

In one of his deliveries to NPAs in Muntinlupa, he was told that the town's police chief, Maj. Francisco Landrito, was a target for liquidation for the involvement in squatter demolitions.

Double suicide: A couple shot themselves dead in the man's house.

Joselito, 28, died on the spot from a gunshot wound in the right temple while Amelia Dalina, 21, of 1881 Domingo St., Barangay Tejeros, Makati died from a bullet wound in the head at the Makati Medical Centre.

Police found the gun used by the couple, a .45 Mark IV with two bullets in the magazine.

Eduardo Dixon, 33, of 4-B Pasig Line St., Sta. Ana, Manila told Cpl. Romeo Ubana he was on the ground floor of Torres' house at 3727 Aguilar St., Barangay Tejeros when he heard Dalina crying and shouting for help from the Torres room.

Dixon said he rushed upstairs but Torres' room was locked. As he was about to get something to open the door, a gunshot rang out from the room.

When Dixon and other occupants of the house finally opened the room they found Torres lying face up and Delina on top of him with a .45 in her right hand.

Illegal sales: Two influential men were behind the illegal sale of store rights at the Lacson underpass in Quiapo, a Manila councilor revealed.

Tondo Councilor Reynoldo Jose made the revelation following reports that the two men had been pressuring the store owners to leave the underpass because their contracts had already been cancelled by the city government.

In his prepared speech, Jose identified the two alleged brains as "Balatbat and Boyld" who sold the store rights to businessmen at P10,000 to P30,000 each.

The former owners of spaces at the Lacson underpass earlier criticised the city government's alleged illegal cancellation of their contracts in favour of an unidentified man.

The displaced spaceholders said they had been assured by city assistant treasurer Billy Millares that their lease contracts would be renewed after they paid their arrears from December 1987 to June 1 this year.

But after they had paid their rentals for that period, Millares told them that they could not longer renew their contracts because the right to choose spaceholders had been granted to several influential persons.

Jose also said the two men were also behind the overpriced selling of residence certificates at the underpass.

13 rebels caught: Policemen raided a suspected communist rebel hideout in Himamaylan, Negros Occidental and arrested 13 suspected members of the underground movement.

In a report to Negros Occidental Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police provincial commander Lt. Col. Miguel G. Coronel Tuesday afternoon, Himamaylan police chief Lt. Camelo Guillen said the surprise operation also resulted in the recovery of several firearms.

Guillen identified those arrested as Dioscoro Balaloya alias "Ka Cruz," 28; Rodolfo Tapicalias "Ka Rudy," 32; Macario Anao alias "Ka Making," 39; Rogelio Pantanilla alias "Regen," 33; and Romeo Pantomo alias "Roming," 25, all of Hacienda Paco, Barangay Aguisan, Himamaylan.

"Newsman" jailed: A 43-year-old man who ate and drank to his heart's content believing he could have them for free by using a "press card" found himself in jail.

John T. Leano of Medina, Misamis Oriental, was collared by policemen while eating and drinking in a roadside driver along Velez St. Police investigator Pat. Julio Gabut said the suspect, when investigated, presented a "press card" purportedly issued by the Mindanao Chronicle, a weekly newspaper based in Butuan City.

Leano told police investigators that he ate and drank at Plaza 1991 to taste their food so that he could "promote the dinner."

Robbers arrested: Three robbers who ransacked the electronics shop of Ilocos Norte Governor Rodolfo Farinas in Laoag City were arrested in Mandaluyong.

Arrested were Felipe Rosales, 27, of Tagbilaran City; Marion Sales, 17, and Rex Raval, 25, both of Fabella compound on Nueve de Pebrero St., Mandaluyong.

Sales and Raval were cornered at Fabella Compound by a team of policemen led by Lt. Roseller Sta. Maria and Cpl. Jose Antico and two Laoag City policemen.

From soldiers to robbers: The military in Bicol launched a manhunt for a robbery gang headed by a former PC sergeant, victimising passenger buses and freight trucks at the Maharlika Highway.

Bicol military chief Col. Marino Filart said he had ordered all police and military units in the region to hunt down the group reportedly headed by Sgt. Alex Dixon, following reports that the band has expanded its operation to cover the Bicol area.

Dixon's group, according to Filart, is composed of former military men involved in a series of hold up and robbery cases in Southern Luzon and the Bicol region.

The syndicate have already victimised a number of passenger buses and freight trucks plying the Legazpi-Manila route the military official said.

Dixon was a former PC soldier who had gone on absence without leave (AWOL).

Dixon's group is said to be one of the bands composing an organised syndicate involved in various crimes in Metro Manila and the Southern Tagalog region recently busted by government authorities, Filart said.

Rep de Guzman may go scot free

'Either he is guilty or innocent'

THE House Ethics Committee has apparently cleared Rep. Nicanor de Guzman Jr. of any involvement in the attempt to smuggle in 314 guns recently but remained undecided on what to recommend to the chamber's leadership.

After 12 hours of a marathon hearing, the committee chairman, Rep. Artemio Adasa, said he and the members "found no hard evidence" to link De Guzman to the smuggling try at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

"Puro circumstantial evidence lang ang nakukuha natin laban kay De Guzman," Adasa said.

This development fuelled speculations that a whitewash of the case was in the making, despite assurances by President Aquino, after clearing her brother, Rep. Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, of any

involvement in the gun smuggling attempt.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel scored the presidential clearance, saying "such premature absolution is the principal cause of the continuing graft and ineptitude in government."

Speaker Ramon V. Mitra earlier gave the Adasa committee 24 hours to recommend what action should be taken against De Guzman. The failure of the committee to make any recommendation forced the postponement until the House vote on his case.

Adasa said NAIA authorities, notably General Manager Eduardo Carrasco, failed to present what they earlier tagged as damaging evidence against De Guzman.

Adasa said the 21 members of the

committee have yet to "prepare our respective positions and then a resolution based on the evidence presented to us."

Adasa said the case is not yet closed. He said the committee will try to get evidence from NAIA authorities and airport officials in Los Angeles.

Rep. Cirio Montejo, chairman of the fact-finding committee created by Mitra to help investigate the case, said witnesses they summoned gave conflicting testimonies.

"In the morning when we heard the Pafecom (Philippine Air Force Security Command) officials, parang guilty si De Guzman. But later in the afternoon, after hearing their testimonies, we started having doubts," Montejo said. He shared the opinion of some members of the ethics committee that there was no "direct

evidence" to implicate De Guzman in the gun smuggling case.

Committee sources, however, said the members failed to decide on the case because of conflicting views. Some were said to have wanted De Guzman expelled while others wanted him punished only for negligence or indiscretion.

It was learned that De Guzman, who announced he was going on an indefinite leave, was the last to testify before the ethics committee but that his lengthy testimony was not recorded by the secretariat.

In his latest blast against Aquino, Laurel cited the cases of presidential brother-in-law, Ricardo "Baby" Lopa, former Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico, former security adviser Noel Soriano and Makati Mayor Jejomar

Binay whom Aquino cleared of charges against them even before an investigation could be started.

"Just one phone call and the presidential brother is already cleared," Laurel said. "Is this the way justice is being administered by the Aquino administration?" He also doubted whether the clearance given by Aquino to Cojuangco will not prejudice the NBI investigation which she ordered.

Meanwhile, a group of congressmen identified with Mitra is reportedly bent on seeking the expulsion of De Guzman.

"This is the only way we can save the image of the House," a close aide of Mitra, who requested anonymity, said. But an equally solid bloc led by Cojuangco is said to be behind a campaign to exonerate De Guzman.

A very special teacher

Military frees 2 Dutch nurses

Right of treatment violated

ENDOWED with a creative and enterprising spirit, 43-year-old Adelina Ranga could easily succeed as a businesswoman.

But Adelina has not taken the road to self-enrichment and instead has chosen to be a lowly paid public school teacher, content in sharing her vocational skills with hundreds of aspiring businessmen who cannot afford to have formal schooling.

"Ganyan din kasi ako nag-umpisa, kaya masaya na akong nakikita silang masanay mag-anap-buhay," says Adelina, a teacher at the non-formal education division of the P. Guevarra Elementary School in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

She tells of success stories of a former drug addict, a disabled widow and an impoverished teenager who do not fail to send her letters and greeting cards, thanking her for helping them.

"Kahit sino pwede sa klase ko. Bata, matanda, out-of-school... basta gustong matuto," she says.

In Adelina's classes, one can learn any of these: Sewing, specialized cooking, baking,

international cuisine, wood lamination, fish, fruit and vegetable utilization and meat processing.

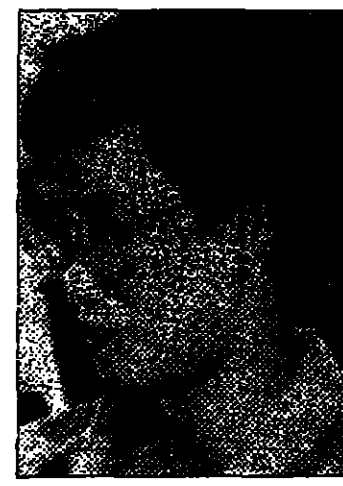
The eldest of nine children, the young Adelina, then only in Grade Four, learned how to cook and prepare food which her mother sold to neighbours. "Mahirap na mahirap kami. Hindi kasya ang suweldo ng tatay ko bilang janitor," she recalls.

In her teens, Adelina put to good use her creativity when she recycled used clothes and sold them to earn money for tuition in high school.

She later became a college scholar at the Technological Institute of the Philippines and obtained a master's degree in Filipino at the National Teachers College.

Before joining the P. Guevarra school, Adelina was a Filipino teacher from 1970 to 1982 at the Plaridel Elementary School.

She declares that her work for the past six years "was all a labour of love." She recounts she started teaching cooking with a



Ranga

small tin oven, old pots and pans and other cooking utensils which she herself donated to the school.

There were also many instances when she dug into her pocket to lend to some of his poor students who wanted to start a small business. She was often repaid immediately since their endeavours paid off.

Adelina's work for the past six years merited praise by two presidents — former President Marcos, who gave her a presidential medal in 1985, and President Aquino, when she was cited last week as one of the ten outstanding teachers of the year.

She was given by her own school a citation as Special Teacher of the Year in 1987.

Aquino paid the school a visit to see Adelina in action.

"Bow ako dyan kay Cory. Simple. Madaling abutin. Nung nakausap ko siya, nasasalamatin ko, na, katulad ko, siya'y nanay din, simple din ang gusto niya para sa atin. Gusto niya ng magandang buhay para sa lahat," Adelina says.

Adelina says she also feels the pinch of political and economic problems. A single parent raising two teenagers, Adelina complains that her P3,000 take home pay is not enough for them. She was among those who staged a three-week mass walkout of Manila public school teachers last month to press for higher wages.

Action vowed on peso

THE GOVERNMENT will take all "practicable measures to protect and sustain our economic growth and recovery," President Aquino said in the wake of the depreciation of the peso.

She said the debt relief that the government is expecting from commercial banks-creditors will have a "moderating effect on both exchange rate and inflation rate factors."

Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds coming in are expected to spur the country's economy, she said, adding that

"growing levels of foreign and domestic investments are going to contribute positively in this direction."

The value of the peso slipped recently to P22.002 to \$1 from its exchange rate of P21.99, a move viewed by some sectors as the start of the further fall of the local currency this year.

In another development, President Aquino reiterated her "full support" for Speaker Ramon V. Mitra Jr. and her "appreciation for his steadfast support for my administration."

Mitra said he will resign as president of the Laban ng Demokratikong Filipino (LDP) on Sept 16 to concentrate on his job as speaker of the House of Representatives.

Aquino said: "The presidency of the LDP is a party matter and we must respect whatever decision Speaker Mitra takes as the party president on his continuance in that position."

"I have confidence in his judgment, and I believe that the support he has been able to provide will continue," she added.

PSCC off press

THE revised edition of the Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC) is now off the press, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) reported yesterday. The new PSCC edition, prepared by the National Statistical Co-ordination Board (NSCB) in co-ordination with commodity specialists of various government agencies, represents the latest classification of commodities, particularly those that enter Philippine trade. It is aligned with the UN Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revised and Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System of the Philippines, otherwise known as the Harmonised System of the Philippines (HSP).

Sugar imports ban criticised

A PROPOSED legislation to ban the importation of sugar will deter the growth of export-oriented food makers who import sugar to ensure production and meet firm commitments, a food exporter said yesterday.

Benson Dakay, executive vice-president of Cebu-based Shemberg Marketing Corp., said imported sugar is also much cheaper than locally produced sugar. As a result, he suggested that the government provide a mechanism to make local sugar competitive.

Imported sugar costs between P6 to P7 per kilo compared to the domestic price of about P12 per kilo.

Several members of Congress recently filed House Bill No. 48 which provides that "no foreign manufactured sugar, whether raw or processed forms shall be allowed entry into the Philippines."

The bill said that allowing sugar importation would run against the interests of Filipino producers and sugar workers.

Dakay explained, however, that sugar imports "will not destabilize the domestic market because these are not sold locally but are re-exported through the finished products."

Gov't losing P1b yearly to chosen private banks

THE government is losing at least P1 billion a year due to the new system of releasing funds to government agencies adopted by the Department of Budget and Management, Rep. Rolando Anadaya (LDP, Camarines Sur) said.

The New Disbursement System (NDS) puts P11.5 billion in government funds in the hands of a few commercial banks, which they in turn use for the purchase of high-earning Treasury bills.

Finance Undersecretary Victor Macalinsag told the house committee on appropriations the banks pay the government an average of 5 per cent interest a year for the deposits.

Anadaya, who is chairman of the committee, said the banks have been using the government deposits to purchase Treasury bills, which yield interests ranging from 20 to 23 per cent a year.

Anadaya said it was "unconscionable" for banks to be paying the government low interest rates when they are earning much more from the use of such deposits.

"Ginigita tayo sa sarili nating muntika," he said. "I think we should demand the same interest spread."

The banks authorised to accept government deposits are the Philippine National Bank, Land Bank of the Philippines, Metrobank, Philippine Commercial and Industrial Bank, Far East Bank, United Coconut Planters Bank and the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Before the new disbursement system was adopted soon after Budget Secretary Guillermo Garague was appointed to the post in 1987, only the government banks (PNB, DBP and LBP) were authorised to handle government funds.

Under the old disbursement system, government agencies were given "cash disbursement ceilings" (CDCs), which they converted into cash with the Bureau of Treasury.

With the new system, the DBM issues "funding warrants" to the banks from which the agencies draw their money.

Philippine Embassy

Bagong bayani awards

THE Philippine Embassy in Kuwait wishes to announce the launching of the search for "Bagong Bayani" awardees from Kuwait.

The "Bagong Bayani" award is conceived to give due recognition to the Filipino overseas contract worker for his outstanding contribution both as a paradigm of national skills and talent and as an ambassador of goodwill as a whole. The term "Bagong Bayani" which literally means the "New Hero" was coined to project as a new form of heroism the growing significance of the role of the overseas contract worker as a contributor to the country's foreign exchange earnings through his remittances and by being less of a burden to society by being employed. Selection by the Board of Judges in Manila will be done on a worldwide basis, and only ten (10) from all over the world will be awarded.

Please note that the award will be given only to overseas contract workers who:

- 1) have complied with the remittance requirement through the official channels during the contract period;
- 2) have a contract or TEP (Travel Exit Pass) duly processed by POEA;
- 3) have a minimum of one (1) finished con-

tract; and

4) have no derogatory record.

Anyone in Kuwait may nominate their own candidates for the "Bagong Bayani" awards, and the Screening Committee will select and endorse to POEA (Philippine Overseas Employment Agency) the nominees with strong merits. Please submit names of nominees together with a write-up of not more than 300 words, citing the exemplary act of heroism, pioneering work, outstanding accomplishment, unusual hardship, endurance in work, etc., for which the overseas contract worker is nominated, including the date and other relevant background information.

The Philippine Embassy wishes to emphasize that candidates to the Bagong Bayani awards should have made all Filipinos in Kuwait proud to be Filipinos.

Deadline for submission of nominations to the Screening Committee is Wednesday, September 20, 1989. All nominations may please be submitted to the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait, P.O. Box 26288 Safat 13123, attn: The Screening Committee, Bagong Bayani Awards, for proper evaluation and screening.



Captured

Elsie Sultana, a member of the New People's Army (NPA) captured after a gun battle in Pasig, Laguna, hands over her ArmaLite rifle to Army chief Maj. Gen. Manuel Ocasio.

ando. Looking on are Elsie's husband Ernesto Morilla, who was also captured, and Brig. Gen. Javier Carbonell, Army 2nd Division chief.

Mitra to quit as LDP head

Hopes to remain speaker

SPEAKER Ramon V. Mitra Jr. said he will relinquish the presidency of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) on Sept. 16 but will stay as speaker of the House of Representatives if he continues to enjoy the confidence of his colleagues.

Mitra told newsmen he would like to concentrate on his job as speaker of the House and as speaker for all the congressmen — for the majority coalition in the House.

Mitra's resignation of his presidency was a surprise to the ruling, pro-Aquino party took LDP leaders by surprise.

Rep. Jose Cojuangco Jr. (LDP, Tarlac), party secretary general, said he was not aware of Mitra's decision. He said he was with the speaker up to late last Wednesday night and the speaker did not give any hint of his decision.

Cojuangco said, however, that he and the other party leaders will exert efforts to dissuade Mitra from insisting on his resignation.

In announcing his resignation, Mitra assured that he will continue to "work as hard as I am doing now for the party and support whoever will be elected to replace him."

The speaker was apparently surprised by the news. Mitra was working out by President Aquino to lead the growing rift between the congressmen and members of the Cabinet, which was believed to have prompted his decision to resign as LDP head.

The President, in a meeting with the speaker, agreed to meet with congressmen twice a month on a regional basis, to resolve misunderstandings and prevent conflicts between the members of the legislature.



Cojuangco

It was agreed to set up better channels of communication to resolve problems as they arise.

Mitra said he expects to complete the organization of the party by the time he steps down from its presidency on Sept. 16, the first anniversary of the LDP.

Mitra said he has no particular preference for his successor, but suggested that "fresh faces" lead the party.

He mentioned as possible successors Senators Neptali Gonzales, Alberto Romillo, John Osmena, Hershenson Alvarez, and Jose Lina Jr.

In addition, he said, the party can draw from the ranks of young LDPs in the House and even from among the provincial governors who are identified with the Aquino administration.

Asked if his resignation as LDP chief would endanger his position in the House, Mitra said he did not think so because the speakership is not coterminous with the leadership of the ruling party.

Cojuangco said he is confident the party leaders could persuade Mitra to abandon his plan to relinquish the LDP presidency.

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From the provinces

MANILA: Entries processed daily at the Manila International Container Port (MICP) increased from 300 to 400 because of the adoption of new measures, including the adoption of flexible working hours.

MICP Collector Emma M. Rosqueta said the scheme was adopted to further increase revenue collections and maximize service to individuals and firms transacting business with the Bureau of Customs.

Rosqueta said the flexible schedule was adopted by the MICP pursuant to a memorandum circular of the Civil Service Commission asking heads of departments, bureaus, and other agencies to adopt flexible working hours in the government service.

She said the new schedule for operations personnel are 7 to 4 pm; 8 to 5 pm; 9 to 6 pm; and 10 to 7 pm.

Port of Manila Collector Titus B. Villanueva said the flexible schedule will be adopted by his district starting Sept. 1.

Meanwhile, another auction sale will be conducted by the MICP on Aug. 23, 1989. Dina V. Tibo, customs spokesperson, announced.

Collector Dominador C. Velasco said to be sold are 215 cartons of Maling luncheon meat and 25,000 kilograms of white garlic. The items were earlier seized by a team led by Maj. Edward P. Dela Cuesta, district port commander, for misdeclarations.

immediately pulled the passengers out of the aircraft and put out the blaze with the use of chemical foam.

Medina suffered fractures, while Cinco suffered injuries. (Hilario Embrado).

OLONGAPO CITY: The Olongapo City Water District (OCWD) was cited recently by the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) as the "Most Outstanding Water District" in 1988.

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LWUA officials said that the "Most Outstanding District" award is chosen from among districts that have attained a "happy balance" between service and viability.

In 1987, OCWD placed third in the overall standing among all water districts and earned the moniker "God-father Water District" for helping other districts develop their own diesel-engine pumping system.

This innovative pumping system pioneered by OCWD has reduced its power consumption by at least 30 per cent. For this innovation, it earned recognition from local engineers as well as from those of other countries.

Offers from several overseas corporations to patent the OCWD "invention" keep pouring. However, OCWD board chairman Jimmy Mendoza and Morales declined to entertain the offers. They said that the invention should first benefit local users before the technology is marketed abroad.

been clogging the MacArthur Highway and other major roads in the town. This is particularly true during the rush hours.

There are about 6,000 tricycles operating here, playing mostly routes not served by passenger jeepneys. The operations began shortly after Guevarra was elected in last local elections.

Mayor Guevarra said, however, that he is supporting the police campaign against unlicensed pedicab operations and drivers. He said that minors should not also be allowed to drive tricycles.

MAKATI, Manila: Councilor Augusto "Chiquito" Pangan will be sworn into office today as the new vice mayor of Makati by Local Government Secretary Luis Santos.

Pangan, 59, will assume the position vacated by Conchita Sevilla-Bernardo who resigned "due to health problems and irreconcilable differences concerning her working relationship with the mayor."

Meanwhile, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay sent Pangan a congratulatory letter, saying he hoped that a harmonious and productive partnership between his office and office of the new vice mayor would evolve.

"I must caution you (Chiquito), however, about certain elements who will exert utmost efforts to use you for their own personal ends through the cleverest and subtlest forms of intrigues," Binay told Pangan.

"I pray that you will have the wisdom to discern such destructive designs and the courage and strength to resist them," Binay added.

Reacting to Binay's warning, Pangan said: "I have my own will and that is my right."

Pangan ran in the last local election under an opposition party, the Move Makati Coalition and garnered the highest number of votes among the municipality's 12 councilors.

Gunman identified

A FORMER driver-bodyguard of the owner of Golden Taxi Cab Co. has been tagged as the gunman who shot and killed three members of the employees' union and wounded five others.

Two union members who survived the shooting identified the gunman as a former member of the Philippine Marines, according to Ernesto Serrano, president of the Golden Taxi Cab Employees Union (GTCEU). Police homicide investigators said however that they still don't have a suspect.

Serrano said the two witnesses — Alberto Albet and Alipio Aburto — also saw the gunman flee after the incident in a Toyota Corolla owned by Carlos Zamora, the taxi company's owner. The suspect, he said, was a former member of the Philippine Marines and a bodyguard.

Armed and wearing a dark jacket, the gunman fired a small caliber handgun at a group of union members gathered at a small eatery near the company's terminal in Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila.

Killed were Arturo Minsal, 42, a former Marine; and Gregorio Domingos, 38.

Five others, including Albet, were wounded in the shooting. The police said Minsal and Domingos were killed instantly.

Aburto, who was shot in the leg, was taken to the hospital. The gunman then ran to the car and was driven away by an unidentified companion.

The GTCEU held a brief strike yesterday to protest the violence committed against its members.

Eleven union members have already been killed since June 9, when the GTCEU started a two-month strike over a labor dispute.

On June 26, the union's spokesman Galileo Dinoy was shot dead by unidentified gunmen near his home in Tatalon Estate, Quezon City.

On the same day, Danilo Acana, another union member, was shot and stabbed by several men as he was walking along busy main st. in Ermita, Manila. He was able to make his escape before he died two days later.

Pat Evario Aburto of the Western Police District's anti-narcotics unit was arrested last month after being charged with the killing of one of the GTCEU members.

Aquino avoiding LDP argument

PRESIDENT Aquino is keeping his hands off the brewing controversy over the impending resignation of Speaker Ramon V. Mitra from the presidency of the pro-administration Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP).

"The presidency of the LDP is a party matter and we must respect whatever decision Speaker Mitra takes as the party president on his continuance in that position," Ms. Aquino said in answer to questions submitted by reporters.

Ms. Aquino, however, urged Mitra to continue helping her administration, as she sought to squelch speculations that their relationship had gone sour.

I reiterate my full support for Speaker Ramon V. Mitra and my appreciation for his steadfast support for my administration," she said. "I have confidence in him, and I believe that the support he has been able to provide will continue."

Mitra announced he would definitely resign as LDP president on September 16.

His decision to give up the leadership of the party he co-founded with Aquino's brother, Rep. Jose Cojuangco Jr. (LDP, Tarlac), has raised speculations about a growing rift between the top administration officials.

A close aide of Mitra said the speaker was "hurt" when the President revived the gun-importation controversy by ordering the "symbolic burning" of 150 Israeli-made Uzi assault rifles bought by the lawmakers.

The guns were seized on arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last November.

Congressmen insisted the arms importation was legal and many of them, including Mitra, felt slighted when Ms. Aquino ordered the guns burned.

The Mitra aide said his resignation from the party to which most of the congressmen belong was "one way of showing he was really hurt."

Other sources close to the LDP said Mitra's resignation resulted from the parting of ways between Rep. Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, the man believed to be effectively controlling the party, and Mitra.

The two, however, denied that there was "bad blood" between them.

Also, Mitra's partymates in the Senate had mixed reactions to his decision to give up the top LDP post.

Sen. Hershenson Alvarez said the resignation would create problems for the party which has supported the government's program of reforms.

Selecting a good leader "who will speak out is going to be problematical," Alvarez said.

Maceda: No to jueteng hearings

SEN. Ernesto Maceda said he would ignore any summons by a presidential fact-finding committee investigating illegal gambling in Bicol as this would violate the constitution.

Maceda was reacting to reports that the committee headed by Justice Secretary Solfrey Ordóñez will ask him to testify and substantiate his charges that top military officials led by Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano PC-IPN chief are involved in jueteng and other vices in the region.

"I have not received a copy of the letter but if it is worded as a summons or subpoena, I would not go," Maceda said. "The constitution provides that no member of Congress can be questioned in any other place of anything that he says on the floor or in the committee."

Senate President Jovito Salonga has said that Maceda may testify in the committee investigation but he cannot be compelled to do so if he does not want to.

Maceda said that although he is willing to co-operate with the probe body, he said he was disturbed by the approach or procedure that Ordóñez is adopting.

Ordóñez said that a public hearing will be held to hear the testimonies of witnesses, including Maceda.

"This is supposed to be fact-finding and the main issue, according to the administrative

PAFMIL experiments

THE Philippine Association of Flour Millers (PAFMIL) has committed itself to a three-year wheat growing programme in co-operation with the PCARRD and some 400 farmers in Ilocos Norte and Cagayan.

PAFMIL provided P179,700 to the programme for the purchase of inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides. The initial harvest, however, netted only 15 tons out of the expected 112-ton harvest due to fungus infestation.

It was noted in the measure that projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are being implemented improperly by the contractors or sub-contractors.

Tupas said that barangay officials have no adequate knowledge of the projects because they are not given copies of the programmes of work, contracts, and other documents pertaining to the project.

Any contractor or sub-contractor who violates the ordinance will not be allowed to undertake any project here.

A fine of P1,000 or imprisonment of five months or both fine and imprisonment is also imposed on contractors or sub-contractors who violate the ordinance.



Mystery of the missing guns

20,000 guns unaccounted for

COMMISSION on Audit Chairman Enrique Domingo ordered a special audit of the Department of National Defense which could not account for some 20,000 locally-manufactured M-16 rifles worth more than P100 million.

The COA issued the order following a move in Congress to conduct an inquiry into the arrangement entered into by the DND in 1983 with a private firm for the manufacture of local M-16 rifles to be used by the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Rep. Alvin Dans (LDP, Basilan), one of those who initiated the inquiry, said the rifles were not supplied by the firm, Elzalde Tools, Inc. but were instead sold to the Integrated National Police.

Some P100 million in raw materials for the manufacture of the rifles were supplied by the AFP to Elitools for the manufacture of the firearms under the AFP Self-Reliance Development Programme.

Dans also said that Elitools may have profited from the arrangement after it sold the finished product to the INP out of raw materials supplied by the government.

Bengzon won't extend deadline on generics

HEALTH Secretary Alfredo Bengzon vowed to go after multinational drug companies that refuse to comply with the Generics Law of 1988 by the end of the year.

There will be no extension of the December 31st deadline, Bengzon said during a press conference.

The Drug Association of the Philippines (DAP), which is dominated by giant multinational drug firms, has asked that the deadline set by the Bureau of Food and Drug (BFAD) be moved to May 15 next year.

The association questioned before the Supreme Court the legality of the BFAD order, saying it gives them only four-and-a-half months to manufacture products with new labels and change stocks in more than 1,200 outlets nationwide.

"The threat of legal action is now being used by these few companies to subvert democratic processes. We wish to inform the people of this development. We shall not allow sabotage of proper law enforcement. We ask the people's support in this fight," Bengzon said.

He said the decision not to extend the deadline is intended to protect "larger national interests against the narrow commercial interests of a few companies which choose to abuse the welcome extended by the Filipino people to do business in this country."

The BFAD order gives drug companies until Dec. 31, 1989, to change the labels on their products to show their generic names, not just their brand names.

The Generics Act of 1988 was passed last year to help bring down the prices of drugs.

The Department of Health has already reset the deadline twice at the DAP's request, first from April 1 this year to July 1, then to Aug. 15, and again to the end of the year.

But the DAP said in its petition BFAD exceeded "the spirit and letter of the law" when it set the deadline.

It said the recall of stocks would involve two months' supply of medicines worth P2 billion, which would have to be destroyed "because the dangers of mislabeling and counterfeiting present too high a risk to the public."

Bengzon said he has already given drug companies enough time to meet the requirements for generic labelling.

He said some drug companies "have not taken these procedures and deadlines seriously... and now agitate that the deadlines be extended."

Leaders of several non-government health and consumer groups backed Bengzon's move and even threatened to launch a boycott of the generics act, also threw his support behind Bengzon and accused the "uncooperative" foreign drug firms of "dwarfing the national will" to provide affordable medicine to the people.

"It is high time for us to study the presence of these multinational drug companies in the country and their monopolistic control of the drug industry," Mercado said.

Assets of S&Ls rise by 6.1%

CONSOLIDATED assets of the 6 operating stock savings and loan associations stood at P4.3 billion on June 30, 1989, the Central Bank reported. This total reflected an increase of 6.1 per cent or P250 million from the preceding quarter-end balance, and 17 per cent, or P629 million, from a year-ago level.

The rise in total resources for the second quarter was visible in the growth of all assets accounts. Loan portfolio representing the bulk, or 50.2 per cent, of total resources grew by 6.3 per cent or P128 million, to its quarter-end level of P2,172 million. The investments account, at P385 million, registered the highest increase of P33 million, or 9.3 per cent, largely in government securities. Cash and due from banks at P890 million, and other assets accounts, at P878 million rose by 8.0 per cent and 2.7 per cent, respectively. Funds to finance operations were provided by additional deposits and an increase in capital accounts.

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Dead stop to Apostrophes

Millions dismayed

PARIS, Sept 16, (AP): Legions of disappointed book lovers will have to spend their Friday nights curled up reading — and not watching television — when France's most popular literary show goes off the air.

Bernard Pivot, the round-faced and rumpled host of the hugely successful "Apostrophes," shocked and dismayed millions with the recent announcement that he would end his weekly rendezvous with literary figures next June.

In the 15 years it has been broadcast by the state-owned Antenne 2 network, the show has welcomed nobel laureates and Hollywood stars, French presidents and complete unknowns.

A dominant force in French intellectual life, "Apostrophes" wields enormous power, boosting book sales, creating bestsellers and turning more than one unknown writer into an overnight star.

"I was only supposed to get a small printing for my first book," philosopher Bernard-Henry Levy once recalled. "But because of Pivot, the book became an enormous bestseller."

"Apostrophes" has had its critics, too. Some, including then-presidential adviser Regis Debray, accused Pivot of being a "cultural dictator." President Francois Mitterrand defended the show, and Debray apologized.

The "Apostrophes" formula is simple enough. Five or six authors sit with Pivot around a dark coffee table. For about 90 uninterrupted minutes, they summarize their work and discuss it with the other guests, many of them chain smoking through the live broadcast.

If that sounds dull, Pivot makes sure it's not. Jovial, witty and blessed with an innate sense of spectacle, the 54-year-old host always asks the right questions, getting distracted scholars back on track or

bringing high-blown intellectual conversations down to earth.

Devotees of "Apostrophes" recall a show featuring the editor of Casanova's diaries who had launched into a long, boring description of 18th century social customs. Polite but firm, Pivot cut him off to ask: "How many women did Casanova actually bed? And did he enjoy himself?"

There were gales of laughter, and the audience was hooked. No wonder taxi drivers and college professors alike tune in.

French journalist Georges Siffert, who was host for a less successful rival programme several years ago, says the "Pivot miracle" is his understanding of the common reader.

"Everywhere in the world, television targets mediocrity: You, me, evening fatigue and the desire for pictures. Batman level. That's exactly where the Pivot miracle is," he wrote in the daily newspaper Le Figaro. Without Pivot, he wrote, "we'll soon be discovering the enormity of our own laziness."

Another reason for the show's success is Pivot's hard-fought independence. He does not meet the authors before they appear, returns unsolicited manuscripts, shuns the cocktail and free-lunch circuit and has turned down lucrative contracts from pen manufacturers.

Speculation about Pivot's reasons for quitting were rife until he told reporters he was leaving "before I and the television viewers got tired of it."

"We'll never get tired of 'Apostrophes,'" retorted a Yugoslav journalist, tears streaming down her cheeks. Pivot said literature would probably figure in his future, though he did not know exactly how.

"I've had a long affair with books, but I hate them, too. They invade my life, my privacy and my nights."



Staying cool

While enjoying a ride in the countryside today an Egyptian couple protect themselves from the blazing noon sun by fixing a beach umbrella on their

donkey cart. Cairo has been experiencing unreasonably hot weather during the past week. (Reuter wirephoto)

The young turn to new faiths, cults

Wave of 'neo-new' religions hits Japan

TOKYO, Sept 16, (AP): "Welcome home," visitors are told as they enter the Buddhist sect's temple, decorated with glistening gold. A statue portrays the religion's living founder in an embroidered bright yellow robe.

Young worshippers wearing a narrow cloth vestment over their necks walk pensively through the hall. Others quietly watch a video showing the founder reiterating: "You can do it."

This is Agon-Shu, one of many so-called "neo-new religions" that have been appearing in Japan in the past two decades. The term is used to differentiate between the very latest wave of new faiths to appear in Japan and two earlier waves identified by scholars, roughly in the late 19th century and the middle of this century.

The earlier "new" religions largely stemmed from

Japan's opening to the outside world, and the uncertainty they brought to Japanese society. The "neo-new" faiths often are attributed to sharp postwar economic growth, which has made the Japanese richer and subjected them to pressures in its own way.

Seiji Kiriya, 68, the founder of Agon-Shu, became the first Japanese satellite evangelist in April. His preaching at a monthly gathering is televised on a privately owned satellite circuit, the Agon Channel, to some 30 temples throughout the nation.

"Yes, you can survive and win in this competitive society only by learning how to develop your psychic power and getting rid of evil in your souls," Kiriya preaches to members of his Buddhist group.

MUNICH, Sept 16, (Reuter): A revolution is sweeping the froth from drinkers' glasses at the Munich Oktoberfest beer festival. This year they are selling not just alcohol-free beer but milk.

Breaking with a century and a half of tradition, the 156th Oktoberfest will offer both beverages to up to seven million visitors during a 16-day orgy of drinking and merrymaking that starts today.

Traditionalists may dismiss alcohol-free beer as "castrated barley-juice," but steadily rising consumption of the brew by health-conscious young Germans has won it a place in the 14 huge tents that form the centerpiece of the festival.

City councillor Barbara Scheub-Schaefer was one of those who successfully campaigned to have local laws changed to enable all breweries to sell in their tents alcohol-free beer, nicknamed "lead-free" (as in petrol) by Bavarians.

"We welcome the growth in consumption of alcohol-free beer for both health and safety reasons," she said.

Milk is making its debut in a small tent of its own.

The introduction of both drinks has been ensured by motoring organisations anxious to ensure that drivers have an alternative to over-indulge in more potent brews that could cost them their driving licences.

"It is encouraging that all the Oktoberfest organisers will offer at least one alcohol-free drink that is cheaper than the same amount of beer," said Munich's deputy mayor Winfried Zehetmeier.

Alcohol-free beer made its first appearance several years ago, but only in smaller tents on the festival fringes.

But now it has been admitted into the "holy of holies," the 14 central tents run by the main breweries. The largest of these hold some 10,000 drinkers, plus pompah bands, burlesque waitresses and heavy clouds of smoke.

Breaking into Bavaria's leading beer fest marks the coming of age for a drink that accounted for barely two per cent of the West German market last year.

West Germans, the world's largest beer-drinkers, are turning more and more to weaker varieties and the brewing industry expects alcohol-free beer to capture 15 per cent of the market eventually.

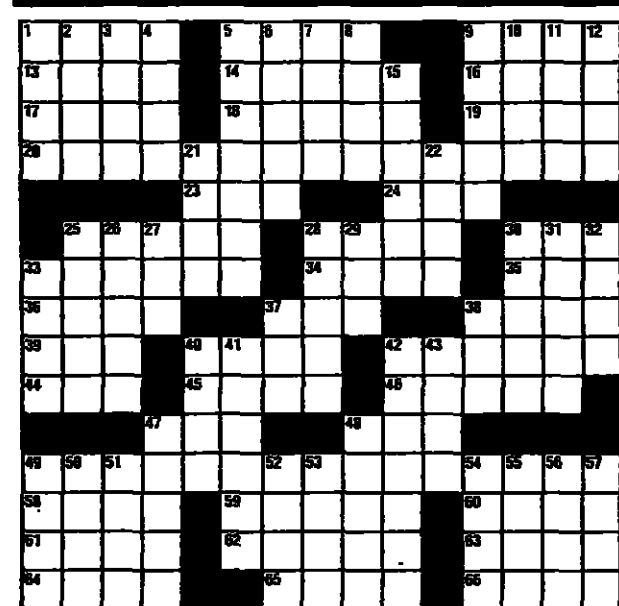
Apart from these innovations, the festival, launched by King Ludwig I of Bavaria to celebrate his marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen in October 1810, is largely sticking to tradition.

Munich's Mayor Georg Kronawitter will declare it open at mid-day by banging open a beer barrel with a bronze hammer in a ceremony broadcast live on television.

Beer drinkers will gather in massive tents set up in an open field in central Munich, downing enormous one-litre (1-3/4-pint) mugs of their favourite tipple and nibbling chicken to the deafening strains of pompah bands.

Heavy imbibers should be aware of one further endurance challenge. They face a 70-mark (\$35) on-the-spot fine if, unable to face long queues for the toilets, they urinate behind a tent.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sun disk
 - Argument
 - Bow
 - Breckenridge
 - Esteem
 - Anthropologist
 - Strauss
 - Parched
 - Yemen port
 - Myopic male's problem, with
 - Corroded
 - Curve
 - Beau
 - Site of the Taj Mahal
 - So written: Lat.
 - Splinter
 - Garb for Giselle
 - Actor Holbrook
 - Bathe
 - Rock's — Jovi
 - Glory
 - Mamie's mate
 - Musical of baseball
 - With hands on hips
 - Future Dr.'s school
 - Secrete
 - Ceremonies
 - Play on words
 - TV network
 - See 20 Across
 - Suspend
 - Poet T.S.
 - Like good cheddar
 - Sleep like —
 - Wash
 - Persian Gulf country
 - bitzy
 - Baltic Sea feeder
 - Entertainer: Horne
- DOWN**
- Nanking nanny
 - British flat?
 - the Red
 - Spanish negative
 - Break
 - Sheriff's group
 - Wager
 - Ripped
 - Stratford offerings
 - Solve again
 - Baker
 - Instrument
 - Frost
 - Title
 - Brother of Jacob
 - Chip
 - Resided
 - Hail
 - Make amends
 - Pistol
 - Disgrace
 - Metric feet
 - Liz Taylor role
 - Reedlike
 - Evil
 - Able
 - Avoid
 - Kindling
 - Judge
 - Friendly greeting
 - Nick-name for Margaret
 - Elected
 - Siamese
 - Cease
 - Slaughter of baseball
 - Hodgepodge
 - Locate
 - Carpenter's fastener
 - Monster
 - Connery or Penn
 - Ferber

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
LOOK FOR A MIRACLE

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 9 6
♥ K Q J 3
♦ A 5
♣ A 5 4

WEST
♠ 4 3
♥ 6 5
♦ K Q J 9 8 7 3 2
♣ K

EAST
♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 10
♣ Q J 10 9 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 7 5
♥ A 4 2
♦ 6 4
♣ 8 6 2

The bidding:

West 4♦ North 5♦ East 5♠ South 5♠
Pass 6♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦
Sometimes you need the gods of chance to smile on you if you are to bring home a contract. If you do not risk an exorbitant loss by doing so, play for the one possibility that will allow you to get home, no matter how remote.

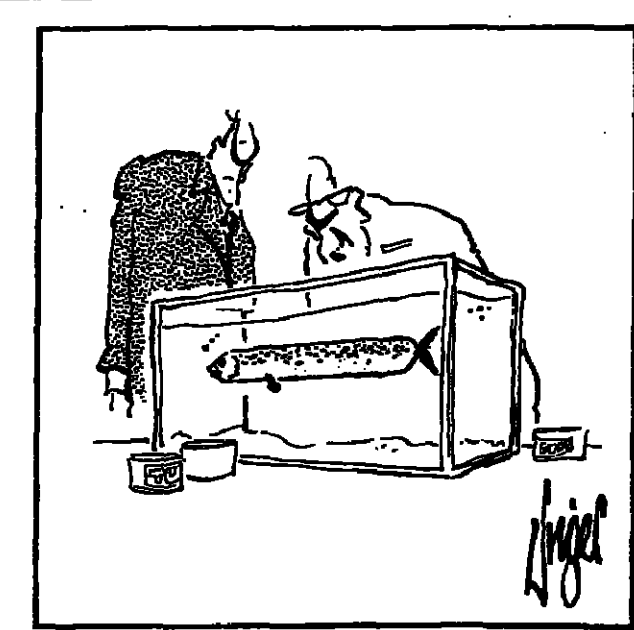
West's diamond preempt worked in a sense. It drove North-South to a terrible slam. Unfortunately, the cards lay in such a way that declar-

er, thanks to good card-reading, was able to land the contract.

West led the king of diamonds, and declarer was not thrilled with his prospects. The mirror distribution of the minor suits made it seem there were two unavoidable losers in the minors — either two clubs or a club and a diamond. But superb dummy-play technique resulted in one of those losers vanishing into thin air.

Declarer won the opening diamond lead and drew trumps in two rounds. Next came two rounds of hearts and, when West followed, success was staring declarer in the face. If West had started with eight diamonds, as was likely from the high preempt, the contract was laid-down. With 12 cards probably known, West could not hold more than one club.

On the fourth heart declarer made a crucial discard — a club, not a diamond. He then cashed the ace of clubs before exiting with a diamond. West won a totally unexpected trick, but did not relish having the lead. With nothing left but diamonds, the defender was forced to yield a ruff-shuff to declarer, allowing the losing club to be discarded from hand while dummy trumped.



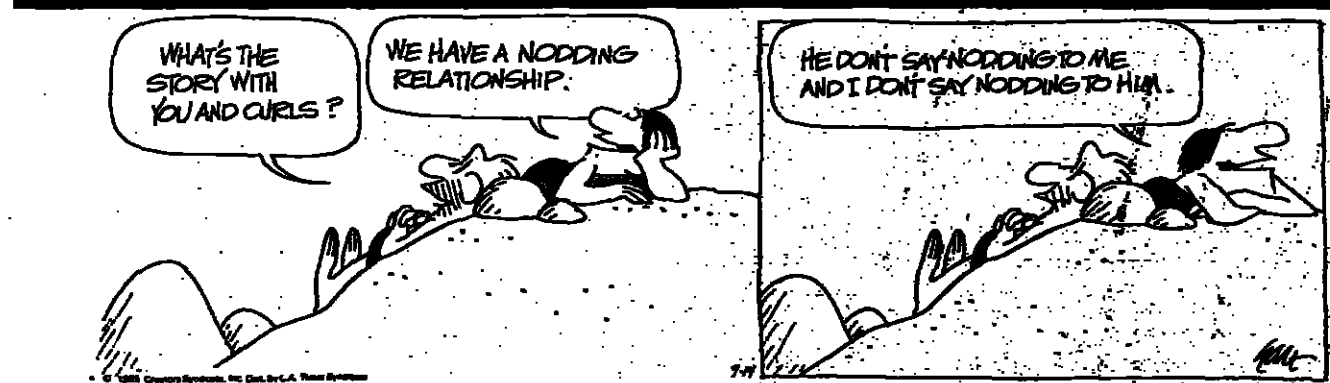
"We've genetically engineered a tuna exactly the same diameter as our cans."

THE WIZARD OF ID



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 21 - April 18)

You will feel better than you have done of late but do not go over the top. You should put your health first to try to relax. Do something that will please your partner, too. Be helpful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Others are going to try to take advantage of you — do not let them. Avoid trying to be too clever. Make sure you are not being boring to others. Be resolute.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have something to be pleased about but do not let it go to your head. Try to do something that interests your partner as well as you. Do all you can to rid yourself of prejudices and fixed responses. Be cautious.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to do something much to your liking. Avoid trying to do too much all at once. See to it that your diet contains enough vitamins including E and D. Be discreet.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to do something that will please your partner. Nothing will be quite as you would like it to be but you are expecting far too much. Your lucky numbers are 2 and 17. Do all you can to maintain harmony with your partner.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You are rather too inclined to look on the dark side of matters. Keep calm things are not as bad as they might seem. And consider how much worse they might have been. Be prudent.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will have to try to adjust to changed circumstances. There will be certain things you will find it hard to accept. Take care you do not offend anyone. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Do not expect too much from others and try to become more self-reliant. You will be able to put two and two together. This is a good time to make amends and do not be too proud to make the first move towards reconciliation.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have plenty to be pleased about. Try to take your mind off work for the day. Do not make a promise you would find it hard to keep. Be tolerant.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should avoid making a nuisance of yourself, nor should you let others be a nuisance to you. Try to keep things as simple as possible. Look on the bright side. Be generous.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be in a better frame of mind. Try not to live too much in the past, instead look ahead. Do not let yourself be intimidated, the difficulties are not as bad as they might seem. Be tactful.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will tend to be rather on the nervous side and should do all you can to calm yourself. Also you should have a little more faith in yourself. Do not try to make an issue that will have to be faced sooner or later. Be forgiving.

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SPORTS

Woosnam stays in 2nd place

TOKYO, Sept. 16. (Reuters) Britain's Ian Woosnam stayed on to second place in the third round of the \$480,000 Sapporo Open golf tournament today thanks to an eagle three at the 340-yard ninth hole.

But the Welshman, preparing for Europe's Ryder Cup clash in England next week against the United States, was dogged by bogeys in his par 72 round.

He dropped shots at the fourth, fifth and sixth holes on the way out and more on the back nine to finish four strokes off the pace on three-under-par 213.

Japan's Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki, who has won five tournaments this year and lay joint second with Woosnam overnight, shot the day's best score of 68 for seven-under-par 209 to eclipse overnight leader and compatriot Takusasa Watanabe.

Japan's Akiyoshi Oimachi shot a 72 to move up to third place on 215.

Watanabe slumped to a four-over-par 76 and a fourth-place tie with compatriot Kiyoshi Murodo and Australia's Brian Jones on even-par 216.



Bradley and Rarick share LPGA lead

KENT, Wash., Sept. 16. (Reuters) Pat Bradley fired a five-under-par 67 to move into a share of the lead with Cindy Rarick after two rounds of a \$300,000 women's golf tournament.

Bradley posted seven birdies and two bogeys on her way to the lowest round of the day, while Rarick shot a steady 69 for her 137 total to share a one-stroke lead over Beth Daniel and Danielle Ammacapane who both recorded one-under-par 71s.

"The key to my round was my putting," said Bradley. "I putted extremely well. I negotiated the sand of the greens well."

Rarick had three birdies and no bogeys.

"I hit the ball well," said Rarick who birdied the 18th hole to grab her share of the lead.

Ammacapane also birdied her last hole. "I made putts where I really needed to make them," she said.

Shirley Furlong and Chris Johnson, who shared the lead after the first round, found trouble on the 6,222-yard Meridian Valley Country Club course.

Furlong suffered a triple bogey at the 12th and bogeys on holes 13, 15, and 17 as she carded a four-over-par 76. Johnson, who shot 75, had two bogeys and a double bogey on the day. Defending champion Juli Inkster shot a one-under 71 to stand two strokes behind the leaders.

Pooley ahead

SUTTON, Mass., Sept. 16. (Reuters) Don Pooley, putting brilliantly, used two birdie streaks to post a six-under-par 65 yesterday for a two-stroke lead after 36 holes of the \$700,000 Boston Classic golf tournament.

Pooley, who had streaks of four straight and three straight birdies, stood at 11-under-par 131 at the halfway mark of the chase for the \$126,000 Winner's Prize.

Playing in wind rain and cold, Pooley, who started on the back nine, birdied the 13th through 16th holes and later birdied holes two through 16th four. Pooley and birdie putts of 400 feet, 30, 25, 20 and 20.

Beryl Braithwaite Cup undecided

KOSA staged its first race for the new season on Friday, the annual Ladies Helm for the Beryl Braithwaite Cup. Six boats contested the event with Lemons, Magic Flute and Whispering making their first appearance under new owners and crews.

This event is traditionally scheduled as a short "cans" race and this year was set as a ten-mile triangle/sausage with a three hour time limit. The start was a close affair between Shammal and Bumbit. Both boats beat towards the start line on starboard tack; Shammal with better boat speed crossed the line first and began to open up a good lead.

The first leg was a beat to the windward mark. Conditions were light - 6 to 8 knots of breeze with flat seas. Shammal, Gambit and Lemmons stayed on starboard tack; Good Kompany and Whispering opted to tack onto port and move offshore.

Shammal rounded the windward mark first and immediately bore away and hoisted a spinnaker. The second leg was a shy reach to Bell Bouy. Gambit

was now moving along nicely and was soon able to challenge Shammal for the lead. After a brief spinnaker duel, she sailed clear ahead.

As the fleet converged on Bell Bouy, the breeze began to deteriorate rapidly. Unfortunately, the tide had just begun to ebb. It proved impossible to round Bell Bouy - with absolutely no wind, a despairing Gambit crew were powerless to prevent her drifting onto the mark.

At that stage, all boats dropped anchor and hoped for the breeze to fill in. After about an hour, with no signs of wind, the race was officially abandoned much to the disappointment of everyone concerned. The race for the Beryl Braithwaite Cup will be rescheduled later in the season.

Kosa will be holding its annual Open Day at Shaab Yacht Club this coming Friday, Sept. 22 commencing at 2pm. If you are interested in sailing, come along and take a cruise on board a Kosa yacht.

Starling scores unanimous decision over Chung

HARTFORD, Connecticut, Sept. 16. (AP) World Boxing Council welterweight champion Marlon Starling won a unanimous, 12-round decision yesterday over the WBC's top-ranked contender, Yungki Chung of South Korea.

Starling, fighting in his hometown for the first time since winning the title in February, was in command from start to finish.

He peppered Chung with jabs to the head in almost every round, and kept the challenger off balance with quick counter-punches.

But Chung was never knocked down, and was still throwing punches when the final bell sounded.

Two judges had Starling 11 of the 12 rounds.

Starling, 45-5-1, was defending the title for the first time. He lost his World Boxing Association welterweight crown last July when he was knocked out after the bell by Colombia's Thomas Molinares. The fight was later changed to a no decision, but Starling didn't get the title back.

Starling then won the WBC title from Lloyd Honeyghan in February with a ninth-round knockout.

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Coe wins 800 metres in style

World record holder shines in final British appearance

LONDON, Sept. 16. (Reuters) Sebastian Coe made his farewell appearance on a British track yesterday, winning the 800 metres at Crystal Palace's final international athletics meeting of the season.

Coe, twice the Olympic 1,500 metres champion and still the 800 metres world record holder, gave a capacity crowd a final glimpse of his unique grace and fluidity as he won in one minute 45.79 seconds.

The Briton, who turns 33 in two weeks' time, will represent England at next year's Auckland Commonwealth Games before retiring to concentrate on a career in politics.

Coe was given an emotional reception as he jogged a slow victory lap on a cool, autumn evening.

Kenya's world champion Billy Konchellah took the field through the first lap in 50.74 seconds, then it was Coe by himself for the final 300.

After checking that he was

clear of the field, Coe allowed himself the luxury of a wave to the crowd before crossing the finish line.

"It's a wonderful way to finish," Coe said in an interview played to the crowd. "It sounds like a cliché but I've been very lucky to live through the last 10 to 15 years and be supported by the kind of crowd we have here this evening."

"This is far more of an emotional wrench than I thought it would be."

Steve Backley, one of the new generation of British athletes who, with Coe, helped his country to third place in last weekend's World Cup, won the men's javelin with a throw of 85.62 metres - his third best ever.

Backley, 20, has enjoyed a marvellous first season in major international competition.

He finished first in the European and World Cups and won the Grand Prix title and World Student Games gold for good measure.

Said Aouita had no trouble winning the men's mile, an event optimistically billed as an attempt by the Moroccan on his own world record.

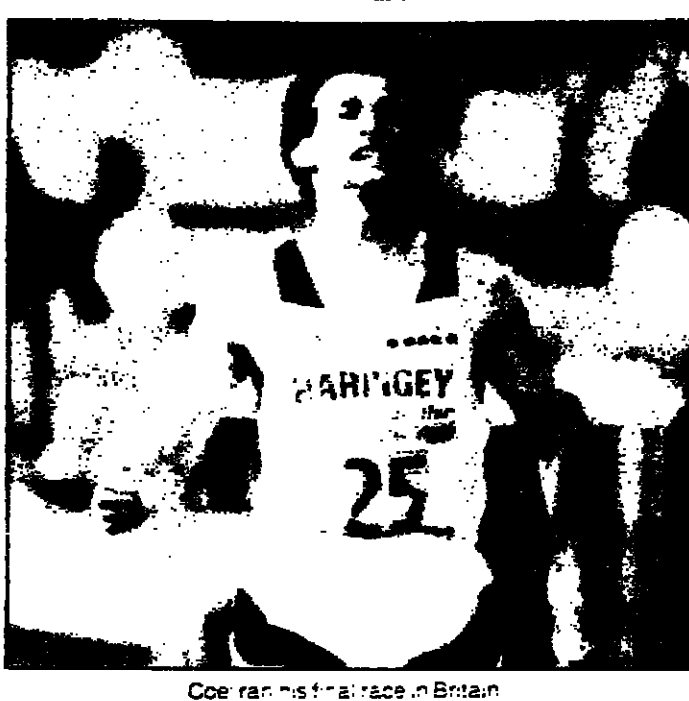
But he made little effort to keep in touch with the pacemakers and comfortably repulsed a late challenge by Olympic 1,500 metres bronze medalist Jens Peter Herold of East Germany to win in 3:54.16.

Steve Ovett, Coe's great rival during the late 1970s and early 1980s, finished 10th.

"I wanted to run tonight because it was Seb's last meeting," he said.

Olympic 400 metres hurdles gold medalist Andre Phillips, who has concentrated on the 200 this year, just held off World Cup champion David Patrick to win the first event of the evening.

Phillips clocked 48.32 seconds with Patrick second in 48.33 and another American, world championship silver medalist Danny Harris, third with 48.57.



Coe ran his final race in Britain

Mets blank Expos

Dunston takes Cubs to victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (AP) Chicago manager Don Zimmer is looking forward to his big game.

Shawon Dunston's first career Grand Slam capped Chicago's five-run sixth inning and the Cubs continued their September surge last night with a 7-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Rick Sutcliffe, 15-11, became Chicago's third 15-game winner as the National League East-leading Cubs won their sixth straight and ended Pittsburgh's five-game winning streak.

"This was a big game, and we've played a lot of big games -- but we haven't played the biggest game yet," Cubs manager Don Zimmer said. "We still haven't played that one yet. It's not over yet and a lot of crazy things can happen."

Sutcliffe improved to 3-1 in five starts against the Pirates this season as the Cubs extended their longest winning streak since a seven-game run from April 7-16.

Mets 5, Expos 0

David Cone allowed seven hits in eight innings and Keith Hernandez hit a two-run homer as New York beat Montreal, sending the Expos to their fifth straight loss.

New York remained 5-1, 2 games behind first-place Chicago in the NL East, while the fading Expos fell eight games off the pace.

Cone, 13-7, walked two and struck out nine and Jeff Innis got the last three outs for the Mets' 10th shutout of the season. Innis allowed one hit.

Philies 2, Cardinals 0

Cardinals 7, Phillies 6

Jim Lindeman scored the tying run on a passed ball and Milt Thompson drove in the game-winner with an infield single as St. Louis rallied for two runs in the ninth inning to beat Philadelphia 7-6 for a doubleheader split.

The victory in the nightcap snapped the Cardinals' six-game losing streak, but left them six games behind first-place Chicago in the National League East.

Results			
American League		National League	
1 Chicago	7	2 Philadelphia	2
2 California	3	3 St. Louis	7
3 Seattle	2	4 Chicago	7
4 Boston	1	5 New York	5
5 Toronto	0	6 Houston	4
6 Baltimore	0	7 Kansas City	3
7 Minnesota	0	8 Los Angeles	5
8 Milwaukee	0	9 San Diego	5
		10 San Francisco	0



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Stands out for taste

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Asian volleyball

SEOUL, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Results on the second day of the fifth Asian Men's Volleyball Championship today. Group A: South Korea beat Iraq 3-0 (15-0 15-9 15-13); Thailand beat Bahrain 3-0 (15-8 15-13 15-9); Group B: Japan beat New Zealand 3-0 (15-1 15-1 15-1) United Arab Emirates beat Bangladesh 3-0 (15-6 15-11 15-6); Group C: China beat Qatar 3-0 (15-5 15-0 15-0); Iran beat Taiwan 3-0 (15-13 15-10 15-11); Group D: India beat Hong Kong 3-0 (15-5 15-13 15-2).

World records

ATHENS, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Ivan Ivanov of Bulgaria broke two world weightlifting records in the flyweight (up to 52 kg) division at the world weightlifting championship today. He set fresh marks of 155 kg for the jerk and 272.5 kg total.

Last classic

DONCASTER, England, Sept. 16, (Reuters): The Jockey Club, horse racing's ruling body in Britain, is to hold an emergency meeting on Monday over the calling off of today's St Leger, the last classic of the season.

English club

LONDON, Sept. 16, (Reuters): English soccer club Manchester United signed forward Danny Wallace from fellow First Division club Southampton for £1.2 million (\$1.85 million) today.

Shop demolished

BELOGRADE, Sept. 16, (Reuters): About 50 Greek soccer hooligans demolished a duty-free shop at the Yugoslav-Greek border, Tanjug news agency said today.

Australia win

PERTH, Australia, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Australia crushed France 23-7 in the Bermuda Bowl world bridge championships today, vaulting past their chief rivals in the race to qualify behind Brazil.

Simple message

PARIS, Sept. 16, (Reuters): French decathlete Christian Plaziat had a simple message for British world decathlon record holder Daley Thompson yesterday: "It's over for you."

Martinez wins

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 16, (Reuters): Top-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain posted a 6-4, 6-4 victory over American Shaun Stafford and Australian Nicole Pietrangeli in the women's doubles final of the \$100,000 tennis tournament.

Lancome Trophy

ST-NOM-LA-BRETECHE, France, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Australian Peter Fowler had his overnight four-shot lead halved by Eduardo Romero of Argentina in the third round of the Lancome Trophy golf tournament today.

W. German soccer

BONN, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Results of West German First Division soccer matches today: Duesseldorf 2 Bayer Uerdingen 1; Werder Bremen 0 Waldhof Mannheim 1; Borussia Dortmund 0 Cologne 0; Nuremberg 2 Karlsruhe 0; Kaiserslautern 1 Stuttgart 2; Bayern Munich 5 Bochum 1; St Pauli 0 Hamburg 0.

Stoppel quits

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 16, (AP): Sergio Stoppel, president of the Chilean Soccer Federation, has resigned and the federation said the election to pick his successor will be held next Tuesday.

Singles champion

CHICAGO, Sept. 16, (AP): Martina Navratilova, the defending Virginia Slims of Chicago singles champion, will head this year's tournament to be played in November, officials said.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club's marathon game held on Friday.

- N/S
1. Ravi & Mukherjee
2. Shah & Zubair
3. Mrs Mussali & A. Tawil

Jansher to meet Dittmar in final

HONG KONG, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Defending champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan clawed back from 2-1 down in a classic semifinal confrontation to beat Australia's Chris Dittmar in the Hong Kong Open Squash Championship today. Jansher, the top seed, exacted revenge for his British Open defeat by Robertson earlier this year with his 15-9 10-15 13-15

15-8 15-13 win in a marathon tussle lasting 103 minutes.

In tomorrow's final he will meet second-seeded Australian Chris Dittmar who defeated compatriot Rodney Martin 15-8 15-12 15-11 by virtue of making fewer mistakes in an error-ridden match.

It will be the third successive Hong Kong Open final between arch-rivals Ditt-

mar and Jansher who have waged a war of words off court during the tournament.

Jansher looked in trouble when 2-1 down but he took the sting out of fourth seed Robertson's fierce attack with some fine retrievals and then hit back with telling drop shots and powerful drives.

"I was a bit lucky today because he played very well," said Jansher, the world

number two. "I think he is a more difficult opponent than Chris Dittmar and I am looking to win in four games tomorrow."

Dittmar admitted after his match with third seed Martin that they had both played "pretty ordinary squash."

"We did not play great at all," said Dittmar. "Jansher will be tough in the final but I have confidence in my ability."

Everton move into top spot

Norwich hold Liverpool



Sharpe: got one for United

LONDON, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Everton went top of the English First Division soccer table with a 1-0 win away at Charlton yesterday as city neighbours Liverpool were held to a scoreless draw at Anfield by Norwich.

Liverpool, who took over at the top in midweek with a 9-0 thrashing of Crystal Palace, found Norwich goalkeeper Bryan Gunn in top form and had to settle for only one point.

Everton have 13 points to Liverpool's 12. Also on 12 are Coventry, who beat Luton 1-0 at home.

Norwich, who won at Anfield last season, have now kept a clean sheet away to Liverpool in their last three visits.

Manchester United, with their inspirational captain Bryan Robson back after injury, put a string of three successive defeats behind them by beating Millwall 5-1 at Old Trafford with a Mark Hughes hat-trick.

Millwall, who were in second place behind Liverpool on goal difference, fell to fifth.

The match marked the debut for United of under-21 international Paul Ince, signed in midweek from West Ham.

But Ince, short of match prac-

tice, had a quiet game and was substituted by Mike Duxbury after 58 minutes.

Chelsea trounced Tottenham 4-1 away in the clash of London rivals, rising to fourth place on 11 points with a better goal difference than Millwall.

Tottenham are still looking for their first win.

Fellow Londoners Arsenal, the champions, also won away, 2-1 at Nottingham Forest and are a point further back.

Mike Newell, a close season signing from Leicester, scored the goal that put Everton at the top of the table in the 71st minute.

Norwich were more of a match for Liverpool than Palace had been and the Anfield crowd of nearly 37,000 were treated to an entertaining clash despite the lack of goals.

Liverpool at times looked as sharp as in midweek, but England's Peter Beardsley blasted their best chance over the bar when presented with an open goal early in the second half.

Gunn's opposite number Bruce Grobbelaar had his share of work to do and was stunned in the 30th minute by a Robert Rosario volley that crashed off

the crossbar.

With Millwall's defeat at Manchester United, Liverpool and Norwich remain the only unbeaten teams in the First Division.

Hughes opened the scoring at Old Trafford after 13 minutes and added further goals in the 75th and 85th.

Teddy Sheringham put Millwall level after 42 minutes, but the joy was short-lived as Robson pounced a minute later to put United 2-1 up before the break.

Lee Sharpe scored the Manchester side's third goal on the hour.

Results

English Division One	
Charlton	0
Everton	1
Luton	0
Liverpool	0
Norwich	0
Manchester U	5
Millwall	1
Nottingham F	1
Arsenal	2
QPR	0
Sheff Wed	1
Aston Villa	0
Southampton	1
Crystal Palace	1
Tottenham	1
Chelsea	4
Wimbledon	1
Manchester C	0
English Division Two	
Blackburn	2
Leicester	0
Brighton	3
West Ham	0
Hull	0
Leeds	1
Wolverham	3
Middlesbrough	2
Bournemouth	0
Newcastle	1
Portsmouth	0
Plymouth	0
Sheff U	0
Stoke	1
Oldham	2

Swindon	0	Barnsley	0
Watford	1	Port Vale	0
West Brom	3	Oxford	0
English Division Three			
Birmingham	2	Tranmere	1
Blackpool	1	Crewe	3
Bristol R	1	Preston	0
Bury	3	Mansfield	0
Cardiff	0	Bristol City	0
Fulham	2	Swansea	0
Huddersfield	1	Bradford	0
Leyton Orient	1	Wigan	0
Northampton	2	Shrewsbury	1
Reading	0	Walsall	1
Rotherham	1	Bolton	0
English Division Four			
Chesterfield	3	Aldershot	0
Exeter	3	Cambridge	2
Gillingham	0	Bury	0
Grimsby	0	Millstone	0
Hereford	0	Wexham	0
Lincoln	0	York	0
Peterborough	1	Scunthorpe	0
Rochdale	2	Colchester	2
Scarborough	1	Doncaster	2
Scottish Premier Division			
Aberdeen	2	Dundee United	2
Dundee	2	Celtic	1
Hamilton	3	St Mirren	1
Motherwell	1	Heart of Midlothian	2
Rangers	2	Dundee	2
Scottish Division One			
Airdrie	2	St Johnstone	2
Ayr	3	Clydebank	1
Clyde	0	Forfar	0
Falkirk	3	Hamilton	3
Meadowbank	1	Partick	1
Morton	3	Albion	2
Raith	2	Albion	1
Scottish Division Two			
Aberdeen	2	Montrose	2
Brechin	3	Queen of South	1
Cowdenbeath	4	Stirling	0
East Fife	2	Dunbarton	2
Queens Park	3	Berwick	1
Stenhousemuir	0	Kilmarnock	3
Stranraer	1	Elgin	1



Soccer hooligans

A bloodstained British hooligan, escorted by a Greek policeman, arrives at the Athens court on Friday where a prosecutor charged 14 drunken British soccer fans, who were arrested early Friday for causing extensive damage without provocation. The rioting fans damaged a restaurant, six cars and were involved in street fights with Greek soccer fans. (Reuters wirephoto)

Colts rout Hubara

LANKA COLTS CC: Trico, led by Hiran Fernando, started the 1989/90 cricket season by comfortably defeating Hubara CC in a curtain-raiser of the GCL league at the EPI ground over the weekend.

Chasing a meagre target of 106 in 30 overs, the Colts made short work of the task and scored the required runs in 23 overs for the loss of only two wickets with the prolific Chris Amarasekera showing glimpses of his competency with the bat by scoring a superb half century. He remained unbeaten on 56, paying scant respect to the Hubara attack and hit 4 fours and 3 sixes in the process.

Skipper Hiran and Nafaka too showed their form by ably supporting Chris with useful knocks of 14 and 18 No. respectively.

Earlier the Hubara batsmen were well contained by good bowling spells from Solomon, Lal, Ralph and Nafaka. Ralph in particular inflicted most of the damage, capturing 3 for 10 off his 6 overs. Hubara skipper Creg Shipton made a defiant 46 with little or no support coming from the rest of his team.

Lanka Colts CC, who were the GCL champions (Burud Trophy) and runners-up in the GCL President's Trophy 1988/89 season, are set to give a tough time to their opponents at the EPI and Ahmadi grounds this season. They have a strong outfit that retains the nucleus of last season's squad. The team has been further reinforced in all departments of the game with the inclusion of a few promising and talented youngsters. The Colts are thus set for a grand season.

The team recently organised a pre-season social to bid farewell to the outgoing manager-cum-player Rajkumar Jinnor and presented him with a memento.

ITF suspends S. Africa

BUNOS AIRES, Sept. 16, (Reuters): The International Tennis Federation (ITF) suspended the South African Tennis Union yesterday until South Africa abandons its policy of apartheid.

"We have had increasing pressure from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and many governments wouldn't allow South African players in," ITF president Philippe Chatrier told a press conference after the four-day annual general meeting.

The move prevents tennis from losing its recently gained Olympic status, said Chatrier, a Frenchman who was re-elected for another two-year term as ITF president. The IOC announced three weeks ago it would ban all athletes competing in South Africa from the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.

South Africans have been excluded from other international tennis competitions. They have not played Davis and Federation Cup for 11 years and have never entered the World Cup.

The motion for suspension came from the Nigerian Lawn Tennis Association with support from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden and was passed easily.

Eriksson rallies to challenge leader

PERTH, Australia, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Swedish Toyota driver Kenneth Eriksson, angered by a 90-second penalty imposed after he was forced to push his car, pulled out all the stops to recapture second place in the Australian Rally today.

Eriksson, second overnight 83 seconds behind Finnish team mate Juha Kankkunen, could not start his Toyota Celica after a pit inspection last night.

He was docked one minute for arriving late in the pound area where cars are stored overnight after having to push it there.

To make it worse, officials also added a 30-second penalty for failure to enter the pound with the engine running.

The incident dropped an angry Eriksson to fourth position but the 39-year-old Swede had

fought back to third by mid-afternoon.

He quickly regained second place with an awesome display of speed and control on the course, posting the fastest time on all but two today's 12 stages and lay two minutes 14 seconds behind Kankkunen at the end of the day.

Despite Eriksson's heroics, Kankkunen maintained a vice-like grip, exchanging yesterday's fearless tactics for a more cautious defence of his lead.

Markku Alen of Finland stayed in third place six seconds behind Eriksson and 61 seconds clear of Alessandro Fiorio.

Seven more cars retired during today's racing over 567 km north-west of Perth, reducing the original field of 57 cars to 33.

Meanwhile, Qatar's Saeed Al Hajri is right on course for taking

his second batch of World Rally Championship points of the year. He took his Rothmans Ford Rally Team Sierra Cosworth to 10th place overall.

"Today we have had no problems with the car," said the former Middle East champion.

"We have been driving gently down the middle of the road, keeping clear of trouble. These roads are the worst I have ever seen. The surfaces are like ice. The Lancias and Toyotas are also having problems even though they benefit from having four wheel drive."

Saeed, with Britain's Steve Bond co-driving the Rothmans team car, is impressing the Australian spectators with his sideways driving style — a group of onlookers dubbing him "Ari al Hajri."

Leading standings after the third day of the Australian Motor Rally today:

1. Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Toyota Celica four hrs 21 mins 26 seconds
2. Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Toyota Celica 4:23:40
3. Markku Alen (Finland) Lancia Delta 4:23:46
4. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy) Lancia Delta 4:24:47
5. Ross Millen (New Zealand) Mazda 323 4:38:40
6. Malcolm Wilson (Britain) Vauxhall Astra 4:38:57
7. Kenjiro Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi 4:51:30
8. Wayne Bell (Australia) Mazda 4:52:41
9. Ed Ordynski (Australia) Mitsubishi Galant 4:52:48
10. Saeed Al Hajri (Qatar) Ford Sierra 4:54:54

Barnes beats Timmerman for first time

TOKYO, Sept. 16, (Reuters): American shot putter Randy Barnes beat Olympic champion Ulf Timmerman for the first time today while Soviet Rodion Gataulin became only the second man to pole vault six metres outdoors.

Barnes, silver medalist behind East German Timmerman in last year's Seoul Olympics, won the shot put at an international meeting here with a toss of 21.27 metres.

"I'm very pleased with my victory because it's the first time I've beaten Timmerman," Barnes said. Gataulin, the world indoor record holder, followed his compatriot Sergei Bubka into the record books when he vaulted six metres exactly.

He then made three ambitious attempts at 6.09

metres but was unable to beat Bubka's year-old world record of 6.06.

Jamaica's Olympic silver medalist Grace Jackson defeated East German world champion Silke Moeller in the women's 200 metres.

Jackson finished third behind Moeller in last weekend's World Cup in Barcelona.

American hurdler Sandra Farmer-Patrick, unbeaten this year, capped a splendid season by winning the women's 400 metres flat in 51.81 seconds.

Farmer-Patrick, who won the World Cup 400 hurdles title, said today she planned an assault on the world record next year.

Rainey fastest

GOIANIA, Brazil, Sept. 16, (Reuters): Wayne Rainey yesterday made the best possible start in his almost impossible bid to win his first world title by claiming provisional pole position for tomorrow's Brazilian Motorcycling Grand Prix.

The American, trailing 15.5 points behind current championship leader Eddie Lawson, knows he must finish in the top two places and Lawson no higher than 14th to snatch the crown in the final event.

Al Rashed blank Tectron and Penguins

AL RASHED FREIGHT posted a double victory on Thursday and Friday which gave them 57 and 59 points respectively. In their first game Al Rashed blanked Tectron 3 games to none and then the Freight Movers came back on Friday to defeat the Penguins 3-0 to show that their previous victory was not just a matter of luck.

Members of the Al Rashed Freight Movers were Bert Pappas, Wally Flores, Mando Alejandro, George Gaerlan, Oca Reyes and Cris. Tectron on the other hand have Victor Choong, Komarudin, Osman, Hares and Sunny on their side while the Penguins are composed of Kilm Mariano, Joel Laron, Caloy Abesamis, P.J. Obiena, Celso Estrada, Romy Andres, Edz and Sonny M.

In other matches played on Friday the Phil Supreme Food Makers dealt the Pullman Hoteliers a stinging 3-0 setback courtesy of the fine performance of Saleh and Ryan Abdon and ably assisted by Burt Ramos, Ernie Landrito, Joel Jojo, Rolly and Kassar. The Hoteliers were made up of Rene Cabredo, Ed de



Cabana: scored a double victory

Leon, Bong Pagutayao, Rod, Danny, Vic, Mandy and German.

And in the only other game played on Thursday, NTC edged out Hempel 2-1. Leading scorers for the NTC Traders were Pongsak and Anukul while Rudy Zablan, Joe Chanwit, Jun Cheng

and Mar E. were also there to pitch in. The Hempel Paint Makers were led by Jimmy Tadana, Manny Regalario, Milo Coronado, Amer, Bader, Egay Cruz and Bien Danies.

Meanwhile, Cabana also had a double victory last weekend as they bested their opponents with

ease. First on their list were the American Jokers whom they beat three games to none followed by win over the Trico Int'l also by a score of 3 games to none. Leading Cabana was the Banana King himself Lando Maradona with support coming from Rico Pino, Pete Valiano, Arthur Reyes, JVC, and Tony Lacson.

In the final game of the men's group National had to give all they had to turn back the Magnolia Ice Cream Makers by a 2-1 decision. Mohammed Seraj, who registered the high series of 612, led National while Edwin Nepomuceno and Munib Hamdan were the top scorers for Magnolia. High Game of the week was 243 submitted by Manny Regalario and Lando Cabana.

In the women's division, Canara won over Al Sara Design 2-1. Baby Penalosa and Arleen Boncillo were the top scorers for Canara while Al Sara have Amy Abdon and Lyone Reyes as their best scorers.

In the other match Far East Restaurant barley defeated

Trico Int'l 2-1. Cecil Contreras saved the day for Far East while Nitz Alina who submitted the High Game (224) and High Series (568) led all scorers from Trico. Mabuhay Beauty Salon is donating the trophies in the men's division while Hatid, Ligaya Abughosh is donating trophies to women's division.

All group A bowlers are reminded that there will be a tournament tomorrow which will be used in selecting the PBAK team which will play a series of tune up match with the national team of Kuwait. Please consult the bulletin board for your individual classification. Meanwhile Bojo Hamdan and Anukul captured the recently concluded 2nd Yacoub AlKandhari couples bowling tournament after posting a total of 1223 pinsfall coming in second were the pair of Jimmy Tadana and Eva Sabay with a score of 1165 followed by Wally and Rose with 1143 and in fourth place were Joe Chanwit and Baby Penalosa with 1137. The high game belong to Dan and Debbie with a score of 423 pinsfall.



Coach's Corner

Tennis star Chris Evert chats with Goody, while taping segments for 'Coach's Corner' video at Disney's Epcot Centre in Florida, the United States, on Friday. By use of videotape technology people can compare their swing to Evert's. (Reuters wirephoto)

US score Wightman Cup win

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Sept. 16, (Reuters): Betsy Nagelsen and Mary Joe Fernandez wrapped up the 51st victory for the United States in 61 Wightman Cup ties with Britain by posting a 6-2 7-6 doubles victory over Sara Gomer and Clare Wood yesterday.

The result marked the 11th straight victory for the Americans in the series that dates back to the 1923 inaugural event at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills.

A crowd of 4,137 cheered on as Nagelsen, a veteran of Wightman competition dating back to 1974, served out the last point of the second set 7-3 tiebreak.

Serving for the match at 5-4, Nagelsen remembered that she had come through given the same opportunity to clinch victory last year at Royal Albert Hall in London.

"It was going through my mind that I was in this position before, but it just wasn't in the cards tonight," Nagelsen said. Nagelsen, however, was broken at 30 to ven the score at 5-all, but she and Fernandez broke Wood, after three deuces, to lead 6-5.

Fernandez, who earlier yesterday beat Gomer in straight sets in singles, was also unable to serve out the match and was broken at 30 to force the tiebreak.

Two singles matches and one doubles contest were scheduled for today.